

# ARMS MAKERS TO GET 13-BILLION CHRISTMAS GIFT

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## MacArthur Hid Proof of Japan's Germ War Plans, U. S. Report Shows



Lucky survivor of a Japanese prison camp was Pvt. Reiji Molenaar of the Dutch East Indies army. His captors had glad tidings from Mac Arthur yesterday.

Proof that Gen. Douglas MacArthur was deliberately hiding proof that Japan plotted germ warfare in World War II was revealed yesterday in published accounts of a U. S. Army report made in 1946.

When the charges made by Soviet Army officials, accompanied by indictments against captive Japanese military leaders were issued last Saturday, a Tokyo release from MacArthur's headquarters said:

A "complete" search of Japanese files now in the hands of U. S. Occupation forces, "did not find anything relative to Japanese

use of bacteriological warfare."

How brazen an effort this was to cover up anti-Soviet intrigue by American imperialists in Japan is seen in a New York Times dispatch yesterday from Washington which quotes a published report by the U. S. Army on Jan. 3, 1946. The Army memorandum said:

### INTENSIVE EFFORTS

"Intelligence reports of investigations conducted by military intelligence agencies in Japan after the occupation and received here . . . show that Japan had made definite progress in biological warfare. From these investigations it is known that the Japanese Army fostered offensive developments in this field from 1936 until as late as 1945.

"Intensive efforts were expanded by Japanese military men toward forging biological agents into practical weapons of offensive warfare. Modifications of various weapons developed through research in their laboratories were field-tested at Army proving grounds where field experiments were also conducted in the use of bacteria for purposes of sabotage."

This U. S. Army report was prepared by George W. Merck, head of a drug com-

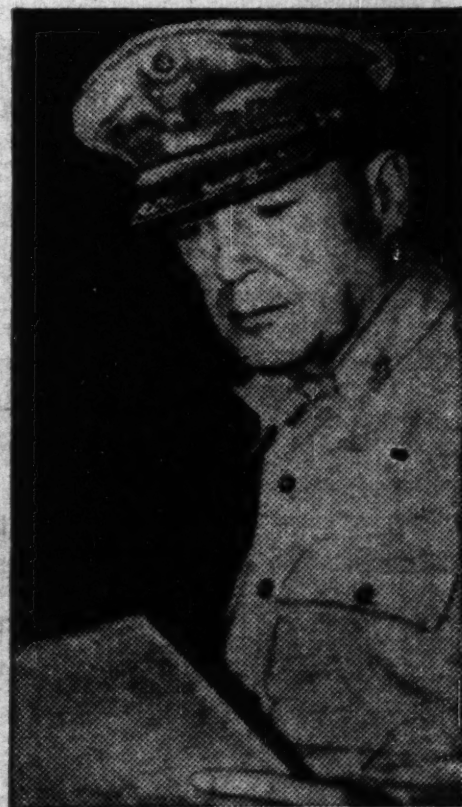
pany and a special biological consultant to the Secretary of War.

The Moscow report charged that Soviet prisoners of war had been used as human guinea pigs for such experiments and revealed that "secret formations" of germ warfare had been set up in Manchuria under secret instructions from Emperor Hirohito in 1935. The U. S. Army memorandum even substantiates the period of Japanese bacteria experimentations.

The USSR, in a broadcast from Moscow yesterday, gave these and other horrible details of Japanese conspiracies to spread "cholera and black death bacteria" in the indictment against 12 former members of the Japanese Army, including senior officers who were in charge of supervising special bacteria war units.

The MacArthur attempt to whitewash these charges as late as last Saturday in

the face of the American Army's official report in 1946 underscoring Soviet evidence, gives added proof that the chief military architect of American war plans in the Far East is going to desperate lengths to block the democratic resurgence in Japan and maintain that nation as an imperialist base for Wall Street.



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## 11 Japanese Officers Confess

MOSCOW, Dec. 25 (UP). — All but one of the 12 Japanese officers charged by Russia with plotting to use bacteriological warfare as a means of mass extermination have confessed, it was announced today.

Only Gen. Riudzi Katsizuka, chief surgeon of the Japanese Kwantung Army—the army in Manchuria—denied the charge, it was asserted. Katsizuka disclaimed responsibility for acts committed by units which were under his command.

The Soviet press made Katsizuka's disclaimer known in publishing the second and final instalment of the of the indictment against the 12 Japanese.

One of those who confessed, it was said, was Gen. Otozo Yamada, last commander in chief of the Kwangtung Army.

The Russian indictment was signed by Col. A. Berezovsky, army prosecutor for the Maritime (Far Eastern) Military District.

## Frees War Criminals

TOKYO, Dec. 25 (UP). — Gen. Douglas MacArthur today announced a Christmas amnesty today which will result in the immediate release of "approximately" 46 Japanese in prison for war crimes.

MacArthur also announced that a parole system is now under study and will be applicable to all prisoners serving sentences, including life sentences.



# Truman Budget Has 13-Billion Christmas Gift for Arms Firms

President Truman's 1950 budget will contain a \$13,500,000,000 Christmas present for the country's munitions manufacturers, according to informed quarters, which predicted that war preparations will dominate the coming budget message. Aviation

## Mao's Troops at Chengtu Gates

HONG KONG, Dec. 25.—Chinese Liberation troops reportedly were storming the southern gates of Chengtu today as the Kuomintang force retreated northward. Gen. Hu Tsung-nan has moved his headquarters to Kwanghan, 30 miles north of Chengtu, which served briefly as a temporary Kuomintang capital.

Heavy fighting resumed on the southern approaches to Chengtu after a lull in which the People's Army called on Hu to surrender and he turned them down.

HON GAY, Indochina, Dec. 25.—Eight thousand Kuomintang troops crossed into Indochina last night at a point 45 miles north of Lang Son and joined 20,000 others already interned near here, French quarters reported today.

Several Kuomintang generals who fled China and who have been billeted in a chateau near Hon Gay have declared their intention of returning home to fight "Communism," the French also reported.

These sources did not say whether the generals will be allowed to return. The French provided the generals with the villa and gave them rations three times a day.

## Soviet to Return German PW's

BERLIN, Dec. 25.—The Red Army newspaper Taegliche Rundschau said today that all German war prisoners in the Soviet Union would be returned home soon and that 65,000 had been repatriated so far this month.

The newspaper said western estimates of the number of Germans still held in Russia were "inventions."

The paper said that the American Army at the end of the war had seized German army records listing approximately 1,000,000 dead soldiers as only missing.

The East German government also announced that "the last 700 prisoners" held by Poland had been repatriated.

## Premier Grotewohl Recovers From Illness

BERLIN, Dec. 25.—The newspaper Neues Deutschland reported today that Premier Otto Grotewohl was visited yesterday by Oskar Hoffman, West German labor leader.

Berlin anti-Communist papers had printed rumors two days ago that Grotewohl was dead. Neues Deutschland said Grotewohl and Hoffman, who heads a workers' movement in Wuppertal, "had many hearty laughs over the lie reports circulated because of Grotewohl's sickness."

Wilhelm Pieck, president of the German Democratic Republic, had announced last week that Grotewohl had recovered from an attack of bronchial pneumonia and was on leave.

corporations, such as those with which the Secretary of Defense Johnson was recently connected, will get the lion's share of the \$13,500,000,000 war contracts.

Authoritative informants said Truman's budget will look about like this:

Air Force—\$4,100,000,000, compared to \$4,550,000,000 this year.

Army—\$3,900,000,000 compared to \$4,200,000,000.

Navy—\$3,750,000,000 compared to \$4,200,000,000.

In addition to funds earmarked specifically for the three services, the military budget will include money for the construction of new military housing in Alaska and Okinawa.

### STOCKPILING

The total for direct military spending is expected to be kept within the \$13,000,000,000 ceiling fixed last summer by Johnson, but a request for several hundred million dollars for stockpiling of strategic materials is expected to send the defense cost up to near the \$13,500,000,000 mark.

The Army expects to buy new tanks, artillery, armored vehicles and anti-aircraft guns for the first time since the war. The Navy and Air Force will buy new type radar and radio equipment.

Authorized strength of the services would be:

Army, 10 divisions, 630,000 officers and men.

Navy, 460,000 officers and men; three larger carriers, three Essex class carriers, four small carriers, four escort carriers, one battleship (the Missouri), 13 cruisers, 140 destroyers, 70 submarines, 10 carrier air groups, 25 patrol bomber squadrons, and 16 marine fighter squadrons.

## Cargo of Corn Afire, Ship Returns to N. Y.

Firemen poked through the charred cargo of corn in the No. 2 hold of the freighter American Inventor yesterday making certain flames which turned the ship back on the high seas were extinguished.

Crew members confined the fire to one hold by spraying the corn with chemical extinguishers yesterday as the vessel abandoned its course for Bremerhaven and sailed 400 miles back to its Staten Island dock.

## GI Insurance Checks Due About Jan. 15

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25 (UP).

GI insurance dividend checks, which untold thousands of veterans have already "spent," will start going out about the middle of next month, officials said today.

Hopes that the first checks would be in the mails almost immediately after Christmas have been abandoned.

Veterans Administration spokesmen said they would be happy if the job of preparing to pay out nearly \$2,000,000,000 to 16,000,000 World War II servicemen can be whipped into line by mid-January.

No precise "target date" for sending out the first checks has been set, they said, and none will be announced until it is absolutely certain that there will be no last-minute hitches.

VA officials said there is no way of telling how many veterans have already "spent" the forthcoming windfall, but the number probably is large. Merchants from coast to coast, they said, have been advertising offers to let veterans "buy now for Christmas and pay later when the dividend check comes in."

Dividends, based on overpayment of premiums on national service life insurance during and since the war, will range up to a maximum \$550.

The amount received by each veteran will be governed by his age at the time the policy was taken out, the face value of the policy, and how long it has been kept in force.

The order in which the checks will be mailed out has been determined through a complicated formula based on the service serial numbers of the recipients.

Those who are at the bottom of the priority list because of their serial numbers may have to wait several months for their dividends.

## Italy CP Slogan: Land for Xmas

ROME, Dec. 25.—The Italian Communist Party spread throughout the country this weekend their holiday slogan: "Peace and Land for Christmas." Meanwhile, Italy's landless peasants continued to demand possession of uncultivated land in the southern provinces.

Near Salerno, south of Naples, 100 peasants occupied acreages at Agnetta and another 50 settled

on part of a private estate at Carpinino, dispatches said.

When police arrived to attack them, the peasants defended themselves with sticks and stones. Two peasants were hurt and five arrested.

In Rome, communists protested the arrest of 400 peasants yesterday for attending a rally that had been arbitrarily banned by police.

## UE Wins First NLRB Poll Held in N.Y. Since Ouster

SYRACUSE, Dec. 25.—The victory of the United Electrical Workers in the first National Labor Relations Board election in the state since the UE was ousted by

as an event of far-reaching importance in the union's struggle against employer-stooge disruption.

The election held last Thursday in the Globe Forge plant here was won by UE Local 323. It receives 58 votes to 42 for the CIO United Steel Workers.

The USW entered the election at the "invitation" of the "Immition" UE when it became evident that the IUE was too weak to carry through a campaign. The action of turning its place over to the steel union was the first one to be taken by Frank Fiorillo, IUE regional director, since being put in charge of the state drive to destroy the UE.

The victory of the progressive UE local is significant on two counts. Firstly, it was the first such election in an electrical plant since the expulsion of the UE. Secondly, despite the fact that Globe Forge is a small shop, the victory has much larger proportions than the numbers who participated. The Globe Forge local leadership was an ardent supporter of James Carey, red-baiting president of the IUE, when the CIO ousted the UE.

The UE had to organize a rank and file movement against the local leaders of the Globe Forge plant who tried desperately to take the union into the IUE.

## Four Negroes Die In Newark Blaze

NEWARK, N. J., Dec. 25 (UP).

Four Negroes were burned to death early today when an exploding oil stove set a fire that gutted two adjoining frame houses and forced 22 other residents to flee to the streets. Firemen battled the three-alarm blaze four hours before bringing it under control. The dead were Lavina Chin, 18; Clara Hobbs, 20; John Cox and Minnie Jones.

## Plan Court Ban On Cleveland Transit Strike

CLEVELAND, Dec. 25.—City officials, despairing of breaking the four-day transit strike by blandishments and empty promises, today threatened to take strikebreaking steps by tomorrow night. The action would turn this Ohioan metropolis into a police-run bus and trolley city. Hints of open violence against 5,000 strikers of the Amalgamated Association of Street, Electric Railway and Motor Coach Employees, AFL, were being voiced by leading politicians and transit corporation officials.

Tomorrow Robert Shoup, the system's General Counsel, will seek a Common Pleas Court injunction to end the walkout. Shoup said he would base his restraining plea on the "threat to public health, welfare and safety."

If necessary he said, he would call on Mayor Thomas A. Burke to use police to run the transit operation. The mayor said the city would have "some" public transportation by Tuesday even if police were necessary "to protect" the drivers.

Shoup will seek to force union president Thomas Meany and all union officials to "keep hands off" the return-to-work movement he hopes to force through an injunction.

The union unanimously voted to stay out on strike at a mass meeting called by Meany yesterday.

Mayor Burke, in a statement that was immediately assailed by progressive and public-minded women leaders here, said that he might call on women operators to drive the trolleys and buses.

Strikers demand continued 96-hour vacation pay for all employees in 1950.

## Same Picture, Same Man

Here is a reproduction of a statement by President Morris Pizer of the United Furniture Workers from the August issue of his union's official organ. That was when he professed to be strongly opposed to dictatorship in the CIO. The other clipping is from the CIO News of November 28, greeting his sudden turnaround and inauguration of a war upon the fellow officers and majority of his executive board. See the story in George Morris' column, Page 7.

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### UFWA Won't be Coerced, Says Pres. Pizer

Text of Pizer's Statement

The following is the text of Pres. Pizer's statement to March of Labor defending the rights of the UFWA membership against the dictatorial ruling of the majority on the CIO Executive Board:

"We cannot reconcile ourselves to dictatorial practices of coercion upon international board representatives. We cannot accept the arbitrary ultimatum that international representatives who do not conform to the majority board dictates must be removed. The United Furniture Workers condemn the efforts and threats of the majority of the CIO Executive Board to interfere with the integrity and freedom of any CIO international. We can only look upon a policy of raising as a cynical disregard of the welfare of organized workers. The evils of raising indeed go far when the attack on Maurice Travis, of the International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers, resulting in the loss of his eye, is brushed off by a CIO board majority as a 'minority incident.'"

Join 10 CIO Intl. Presidents in Rejecting CIO Board Ultimatum

### Pizer Slaps Lefties; Backs CIO Policy

PRES. MORRIS PIZER of the UFWA Furniture Workers, who for years has gone along with the leftist majority on the UFWA Executive Board, has broken sharply, with the party-liners.

Pizer issued a statement on Nov. 28 repudiating their position and stating that the UFWA "can no longer survive as a trade union organization within the framework of CIO."

"He said he was sure the vast majority of UFWA members would go along with him, and added 'simply.'"

"We will fight against anyone..."



# Trenton 6 Win Support for Right to Counsel

By John Norman

TRENTON, N. J., Dec. 25.

"The devil comes up against you on every hand. You got to fight until you die." That was how Mrs. Emma English, mother of Collis English, youngest of the Trenton Six, put it when Judge Charles P. Hutchinson denied the framed Negroes the right to lawyers of their own choosing.

James H. Thorpe, Sr., father of another of the Six, said grimly: "Time is running out."

And McKinley Forest, Mrs. English's son-in-law, said as he waited in Mercer County jail:

"We'll do our part in here. You do yours out there."

Protests were pouring in to Gov. Driscoll yesterday that he restore their lawyers to the six innocent Negroes.

Typical was the statement of conservative Rabbi Benjamin Plotkin of Jersey City: "Judge Hutchinson is reported to have said that no proof is needed to support his charges against the three attorneys for the defense whom he has excluded. The public would be sure that justice would be done to all concerned if the attorneys were allowed to continue with their work—and if the new trial were to proceed with a new judge."

Many ministers noted the savage contrast between the Christmas season of goodwill and the state's persecution of the Six. The Rev. Lewis Kuester of the Secaucus Reformed Church wired Gov. Driscoll: "Christian justice as revealed in the life of Jesus demands that you intervene to guarantee the constitutional rights of the Trenton Six."

The Rev. C. H. S. Watkins of the Friendship Baptist Church of Bayonne, an NAACP leader, told Driscoll the state's action is a "flagrant violation of the constitutional rights of the defendants."

## ASK INTERVENTION

Among the pile of telegrams on Gov. Driscoll's desk, one signed

by James Imbrie, Progressive Party state chairman; the Rev. Harry Pine, state representative of the American Civil Liberties Union; Trenton NAACP leader Joseph H. Collins; Dr. James Granger; David Stone Martin, noted artist; the Rev. Charles Marker, Mrs. Remel Roberson of the New Jersey Herald-News and many other prominent citizens. They were said:

"Judge Hutchinson's depriving Trenton Six defendants of counsel shortly before retrial appears violation 6th Amendment to Constitution. Shocking action underscores need for your intervention."

Typical of North Jersey leaders' reaction was that of the Rev. D.

C. Rice of Montclair's Union Baptist Church, who termed the decision "one of the foulest pages in Jersey justice."

"It is quite evident that six innocent men are being made the victims of a new type of terrorism which is foreign to the traditional American way of life," Rev. Rice said. "More vicious still is the fact that any one who dares to speak in behalf of the rights of these men is condemned as a radical, a red, or an agent of a foreign power. It is time for every decent citizen to rise up in demand that justice be done immediately in the case of the Trenton Six."

## Pro-Fascist DP's Attack Rally of Progressives

Special to the Daily Worker

CHICAGO, Dec. 25.—Recently arrived Lithuanian Displaced Persons were used here to attack a meeting called to protest the deportation of Vincent Andrusis, an editor of Vilnis, progressive Lithuanian daily.

Led by fascist-minded elements of the local Lithuanian community, a large group comprised mainly of the DP's invaded the hall and attempted to take over the meeting.

Earlier, some 50 of the group had picketed the hall while one of their number smashed the storefront window of the nearby Vilnis office, injuring the newspaper building's caretaker.

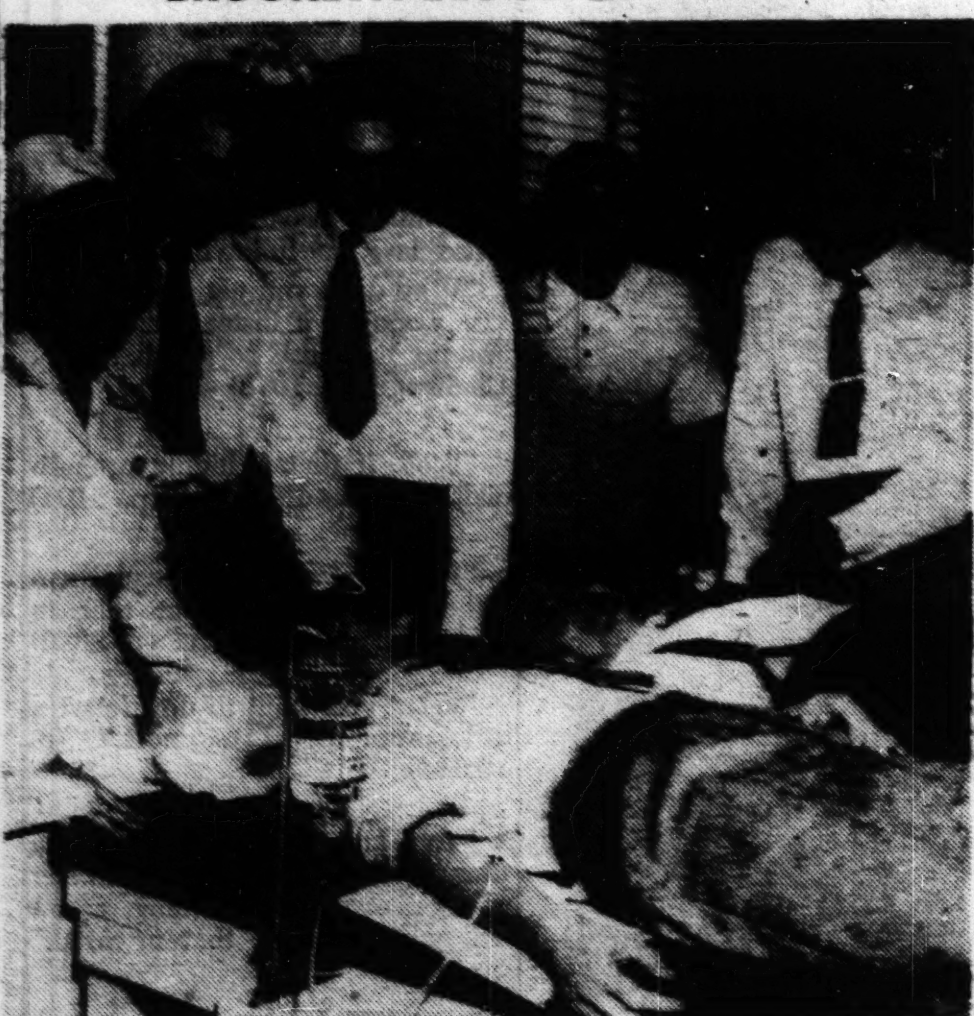
Despite the attempted disruption, the meeting proceeded as scheduled.

Speakers included Pearl Hart, attorney representing the Midwest Committee for the Protection of Foreign Born; and Andrusis. The chairman was Vito Yotka, Lithuanian-American war veteran and leader of the Al Blozis Chapter of the American Veterans Committee. Over \$250 was contributed by the audience for the Andrusis Defense Committee.

Prior to the meeting, police in the area refused requests for adequate police protection to prevent violence. After protests by the Civil Rights Congress directly to Police Commissioner Prendergast a dozen police were assigned to the meeting.

# Texas CP Head Sentenced To Jail; Refused to Be Stoolie

## BROOKLYN BLOOD FOR LINDA



Five members of the Brooklyn Dodgers are shown at the Brooklyn Red Cross Center, where they joined with sanitation workers in giving blood to Linda Pietrafesa. Nearly 100 persons have given blood to the four-year-old girl, who needs a pint of blood a day. Shown giving blood are pitcher Rex Barney, foreground, and Magistrate Roland Sala. Standing, l-r, Nurse Frances Parry, Gil Hodges, Ralph Branca, Jackie Robinson, Don Newcombe.

HOUSTON, Tex., Dec. 25.—James J. Green, secretary of the Communist Party of Texas, was sentenced Friday to serve "indefinitely" in jail for "contempt" by Federal Judge Tom Kennerly. Judge Kennerly ordered Green to be held in jail until he was willing to answer stoolpigeon questions at an Immigration Service deportation hearing. Green was ordered to surrender to the Federal marshal Jan. 3.

Judge Kennerly also ordered Ruth Koenig and a local factory worker named Robert Brannon to appear and "testify" before the Immigration Service. Three other people face similar procedure.

Kurt and Steffi Wittenberg, refugees from Hitler Germany, who are the subjects of the deportation hearing, had indicated in court that they had applied to leave this country for Germany and that they were even willing to accept deportation.

This fact, as well as objections founded on Green's right against self-incrimination, were brushed aside by Judge Kennerly. Appearing on Green's behalf were the immigration attorney Carol King and Morris Bogdanow, local CRC attorney.

Meanwhile in Dallas, Fred Estes, convicted in circumstances similar to Green, was released on \$1,000 bail pending appeal in his case.

Bogdanow stated that he would enter an appeal in Green's case and make application for bail.

"a vicious attempt to weaken the Negro people, their friends and other national minorities, in their fight for civil rights," the Civil Rights Congress declared yesterday.

In a telegram of protest by William L. Patterson, national executive secretary of CRC, to Attorney General J. Howard McGrath, the CRC leader said, "Harris County NAACP leader and other progressives in Houston and Dallas have been subpoenaed by the Immigration Division to compel them to testify under oath as to alleged 'Communist connections' of alleged aliens. This procedure is another subversion of the Bill of Rights and constitutional guarantees which are persistently being denied the Negro people, Mexican-Americans and other national minorities in the United States. Intimidation of aliens and Mexican Americans is intimidation of Negro people's best allies in their fight for civil rights."

Patterson called for similar wires and letters of protest to McGrath and M. L. Crossman, Department of Immigration, Federal Building, Houston, Tex.

The new witch-hunt technique, said the Civil Rights Congress, began when Fred Estes, of Dallas, father of six children (and veteran fighter for the rights of the Negro people and Mexican-Americans) was subpoenaed by immigration officers in connection with an "in-

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## Christmas Holiday Death Toll Passes 230 Mark

CHICAGO, Dec. 25 (UP).—Holiday travel and cold-weather fires took an ever rising toll of celebrating Americans today, and a cold front striking into the North Central and Plains states offered new hazards to motorists. Holiday accidents took at

## Unemployment in 1949 Up 2%, Sawyer States

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—An overall increase of 2 percent in unemployment for 1949 was noted today in the annual report of Secretary of Commerce Charles W. Sawyer.

Employment for 1949, Sawyer reported, averaged 58,500,000. "This," he stated, "along with the rise in the work force during the year, resulted in unemployment averaging about 3,500,000 in 1949, compared with the minimum level of 2,000,000 in the previous year."

Industrial production, he noted,

was below 1948 in nearly all major segments, with a "substantial" decline in such durable goods industries as non-ferrous metals, railroad freight cars and certain electrical appliances.

Sawyer said the gross national product—the value of all goods

least 230 lives across the nation between 6 p.m. Friday and 3 p.m. EST Sunday. Of these, 23 were children.

Traffic accidents killed 159; fires took 33 lives, and plane crashes or other miscellaneous mishaps were responsible for 38 deaths. The dead in highway accidents totaled nearly 300 below what National Safety Council officials had feared might be the weekend highway death list.

Three days ago, the council warned that as many as 435 might die in traffic during the holiday.

Weather hazards to the motorist appeared centered chiefly in the upper plains and midwest states for the time. A cold front was moving southeastward from the Dakotas toward Iowa, Wisconsin

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## Flay Witchhunt Against NAACP

The persecution of NAACP and progressive leaders in Texas, under a new Justice Department witchhunt technique, was called

## Memo to the Reader

By ALAN MAX  
Managing Editor

A person in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, encloses a small check and asks that The Worker "be sent to me for as long as you can afford to do so for that amount." He continues: "I want to get acquainted with its contents. The papers I take don't speak of it in glowing terms."

And from the West Coast comes in money for a Worker subscription renewal and an additional amount for all back copies from Nov. 1. "This way I will not miss any issues. My renewal would have been in on time, but I lost my job and also picked up a five-week disqualification on my unemployment insurance." The writer, whose name is Fred Church, ends with: "Do you recall the chap in Olympia, Wash., who used to keep you up all night with questions?"

Sure I remember you, Fred. That was 17 years ago during the hunger marches to the state capital.

## Today's POINT of ORDER

President Truman says he accepts Eisenhower's word that the general is not a candidate for the presidency. And no doubt Eisenhower accepts Truman's word that the President wants peace.



# Trial by Fury-How Medina Did It 'Invade' Offices Of CP with Defense Funds

(First of a series)

Judge Harold Medina's vindictive sentences against the five lawyers who defended the leaders of the Communist Party in the Foley Square trial were the culmination of nine months of judicial prejudice aimed at disrupting the defense and securing convictions in the case.

An examination of the voluminous trial record revealed hundreds of instances of judicial misconduct and bias by Medina. It was the stalwart defense put up by these defense lawyers which exposed Medina's vicious frameup tactic, which infuriated the suave judge and caused him to seek revenge by jailing the lawyers. By refusing to knuckle under to Medina's dictatorial rule, the defense lawyers forced Medina to make clear his prejudice and prevented him from maintaining a false front of objectivity.

## EXPOSE MISCONDUCT

The five lawyers facing prison because of their brave defiance of Medina's bias are Richard Gladstein, San Francisco; George W. Crockett, Jr., of Detroit; Louis F. McCabe of Philadelphia; Harry Sacher and Abraham J. Isserman of New York.

In a pamphlet prepared by the

Nonpartisan Committee to Defend the Twelve, entitled *Due Process*, scores of excerpts from the trial record have been assembled as glaring instances of misconduct by Medina. These instances, it was stressed, are but a fragment of the huge number of examples and reflect but a random sampling of the record.

Throughout the trial Medina was guilty of direct partisanship in favor of prosecution attorneys and against the defense counsel. The method he used was to show approval of the conduct of the prosecution attorneys and condemnation of defense counsel, especially in the relations of counsel to one another and most always in the presence of the jury. Some examples from the record reveal this clearly.

On one occasion prosecutor McGohey, after the court had ruled in his favor and during the direct examination of Councilman Benjamin J. Davis, asked permission to "make a brief statement about this matter" (p. 9389—all references to official trial record), although there was no unanswered question then pending. Sacher objected to the interruption of his examination for such a statement and Judge Medina replied:

"Well, you see, neither you nor I know what Mr. McGohey is about to say, and he has uniformly addressed me in a respectful manner here and asked my leave to make a statement, and I see no reason why I should not permit him. Mr. McGohey, what do you desire to state?" (p. 9390).

## BARE PREJUDICE

Other examples, revealing Medina's hatred toward defense lawyers, are the following excerpts.

"Mr. Sacher: Your honor, this man, Mr. Gordon, just turned around and pointed his finger at me and said, 'Sit down.' I want to call that to the Court's attention. I will not permit myself to be terrorized by counsel for the government."

The Court: I see you are returning to your old role." (pp. 1372-1372)

"Mr. Gladstein: And before I do object I should like the record to indicate that Mr. Gordon has been going through all sorts of gyrations of one kind or another this morning and at other times. This morning when I was addressing your Honor he—I don't know how to describe it—he raised his hand and went his way (demonstrating) as though he was attending a



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baseball game and didn't like what the umpire said.

Now as I was addressing your Honor he turns around and makes faces and grimaces. It is not that he frightens me but it interferes with my following what the Court said.

The Court: If somebody finally got your goat it is a tribute to justice." (p. 7343)

Medina also indulged in deliberate and provocative discourtesy toward defense counsel and treated the prosecution lawyers with real deference. This undoubtedly had an important effect on the jury, which is always guided by the judge's behavior. Examples of extreme provocation toward defense lawyers follow:

"Why don't you get to work and saw wood on it instead of beating around the bush so much." (Jury Challenge, p. 1078)

"Well, if that is highly prejudicial, I am an Eskimos." (p. 2101)

"I am not going to read them either; so you can put that in your pipe and smoke it." (p. 2346)

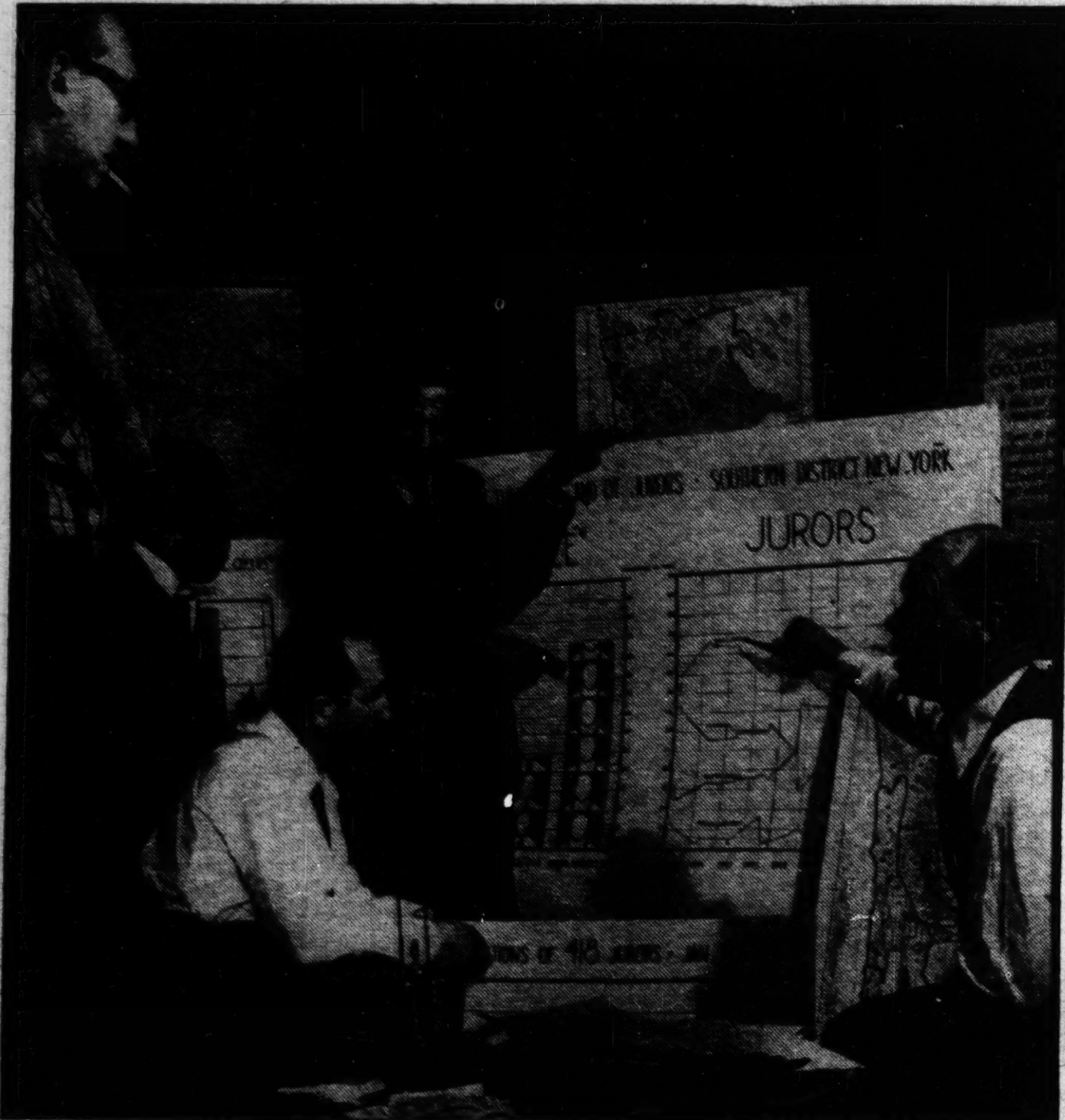
"What you want to do is start a little rumpus, I suppose." (p. 10,314)

"You know, I told you some time ago I wasn't going to let you get away with a thing, and I am not. Just keep that in mind." (p. 9633)

"You may object your head off." (p. 5805)

"Overruled. You needn't smile and sneer at me that way either." (p. 5808)

"You can object your head off." (p. 9545)



LAWYERS for the 11 Communist leaders review evidence explained by Doxey Wilkerson (right) showing how the federal juries in the Southern District of New York are packed in favor of the rich. Left to right: Abraham J. Isserman, George W. Crockett, Richard Gladstein and Harry Sacher.

## Japan Business Men Urge Trade With People's China

TOKYO, Dec. 12 (Telepress).—Increasing pressure from within Japan for the resumption of trade relations with the Chinese People's Republic highlights the contradictory United States occupation policy. Most of Gen. MacArthur's official subordinates now

recognize that the reconstruction of Japanese industry necessitates trade with China, despite the State Department's attitude that any tentative agreements already reached are to be ignored.

The State Department, for instance, has vetoed the agreement reached between United States "Northwest Airlines" and the Chinese authorities by which the airlines were to have started operations within China and were to have sold planes to China, as well

as training Chinese personnel.

Many American businessmen arriving from China are satisfied that they can do business with the new Chinese government, and some American businessmen in China are acting for Japanese firms which are not allowed their own representatives. The Chinese authorities have indicated their needs to Japanese manufacturers, which are mainly steel and railroad equipment.

Indicating the split between Tokyo and Washington, MacArthur's headquarters have asked Washington to permit certain exchanges of this nature. Agitation for resumption of trade is largely being carried on through the "Sino-Japanese Trade Promotion Association," which is not only supported by the manufacturers but also by trade unions which see guaranteed employment only through well developed trade with China.

## 20 STRIKES FOR PAY HIKE BREAK OUT IN GREECE

ATHENS, Dec. 4 (ALN).—More than 20 strikes broke out throughout Greece Nov. 24 after the government refused union demands for a 40 percent basic wage hike to meet rising prices. Among those involved are tobacco, leather and shoe workers, longshoremen and teachers.

Labor Minister Loulakis delivered the Royalist government's rejection by saying that "after the cessation of hostilities it is only right that the government care for the workers, but the question of wage increases is joined to the cost of living, currency and countless other matters."

When the unions rejected this double-talk, Police Minister Rendis declared that the strike movement arose from "the announcement of the Greek Communist Party that its battle would be carried into the economic and social spheres."

All unions participating in the present demands and walkouts are officially recognized by the Royalist government and have been repeatedly "purged" of reputed left-

wingers. Now they are asking for wage increases. The government, however, accuses them of Communism. This, in Greece, is equivalent to threatening their members with the death penalty, which many union leaders have suffered on similar charges in past months.

## Pope Confers With Top Franco Aide

ROME, Dec. 25.—Pope Pius XII received Spanish foreign minister Alberto Martinez Artajo in private audience at the Vatican today, the first papal audience of the 1950 "holy year."

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# SOVIETS HAD A-BOMB SECRET IN 1940, WASHINGTON ADMITS

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WASHINGTON (UP).—The Atomic Energy Commission has documentary proof that Russia had mastered basic theoretical scientific "secrets" of the A-bomb in 1940.

That was the year this country made its first tentative moves toward tapping atomic energy for war. Both countries were then at peace.

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The U.S. completed its first atomic bomb in 1945. So far as this country knows, the Russians did not achieve an explosion until four years later.

The AEC permitted a reporter to read translations of Russian scientific documents published in 1940. Although American scientific circles were familiar with them, the papers

had not been released to the press.

They show that more than nine years ago the Russians:

1. Knew theoretically how to make uranium 235 explode by suddenly assembling it in "super-critical" amounts.

2. Were acquainted with the theory of the chain-reacting uranium pile and the use of heavy water to slow neutrons to their most effective atom-splitting speeds.

3. Realized the enormous peacetime implications of uranium atom-splitting.

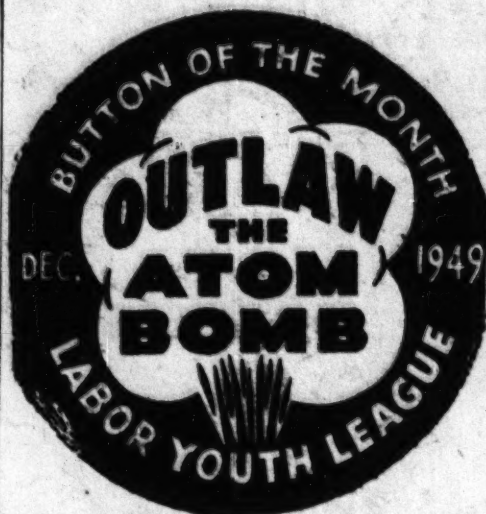
4. Were well aware that "many attempts" to harness atomic energy "will be undertaken in the near future."

5. Understood the problems involved in separating U-235 from the more plentiful but non-explosive U-238 with which it is mixed in nature.

## MANY COPIES HERE

More than a score of U.S. libraries, including the Library of Congress, possess untranslated copies of the Russian documents.

The translations now in the AEC's possession were made for the Army's Manhattan District,



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which ran this country's wartime A-bomb project.

Although the Russians had published them openly, the Manhattan District stamped the translations "secret" to conceal the fact that they were collecting such evidence of Soviet atomic progress.

The "secret" label was removed

by the Atomic Energy Commission some time ago.

The documents include "Materials of the Conference on the Physics of Atomic Nuclei of the Division of Physical and Mathematical Sciences of the Academy of Sciences of the USSR, Moscow, Nov. 26, 1940."

One 1940 paper, by I. B. Zel'dovich and J. B. Khariton, discussed possible methods of controlling its energy for peacetime uses. After noting that uranium fission releases millions of times more energy than burning coal, it added:

"The amount of uranium available in nature, and the cost of its production, could make the use of uranium as a 'fuel' for certain practical applications possible."

"Despite all the difficulties and uncertainties of such an experiment, one can expect that many attempts to carry it out will be undertaken in the near future."

The documents read like parts of the Smyth report on the U. S. atomic project, published by the Army in 1945. The Soviet scientists, in addition to discussing their own research, detailed the findings of Western scientists like Meitner, Frisch, Bohr, Wheeler, Fermi, Zinn and Szilard, all of whom contributed importantly to the U. S. project.

Although the Russians discussed U-235 separation, they apparently had not yet tumbled to the possibility of transmuting non-explosive U-238 into fissionable plutonium.

But they could not have been far from doing so. They knew that capture of neutrons by U-238 "leads to the formation of a radioactive transuranium element." That is just what happens when plutonium is made.

They knew about "delayed neutrons," which is what makes

control of an atomic pile relatively simple.

## BOMB PRINCIPLE

They were working on the idea of a "nuclear chain reaction in a mass of pure fissionable element under the action of fast neutrons"—which is another way of saying "atomic bomb."

Instead of using graphite as a "moderator" to slow neutrons to effective speeds in a uranium pile, as this country ultimately did, the Russians figured that heavy water would do the trick.

They estimated it would take about 15 tons of heavy water, first discovered by U.S. scientist Harold C. Urey, to make a uranium "system" work.

The House Un-American Activities Committee recently reported that the Russians got 1000 grams of heavy water from this country in 1943. One thousand grams is 2.2 pounds.

Like the later Smyth report, the Russians papers stressed the tendency of atomic explosives to fly apart before the reaction is complete. Noting that the fission reaction lasts only a split millionth of a second, the Russians said a "special device," or detonating mechanism, would be needed to achieve the extreme speed required in bring "close together two masses of uranium, each of which separately is of sub-critical dimensions."

The Soviet scientists supported their conclusions with elaborate mathematical data. They proclaimed "a solution in principle of the problem of the utilization of nuclear energy by chain decomposition of uranium."

They added: "Before it will be possible to speak of a practical solution of this problem we will, of course, have to surmount tremendous difficulties."

Ultimately they did surmount them. President Truman so informed the world last Sept. 23.

## NAACP Asks Honest Ban On U.S. Aid to Bias Housing

A written guarantee against racial discrimination in loans by the Federal Housing Administration had been demanded by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. A resolution recently passed by the board of directors of the NAACP

also called upon the FHA to

modify its rules so "as to do away with all regulation, usages and practices that have heretofore promoted and encouraged restrictions in the use, ownership or occupancy of governmentally-aided housing on the basis of race, creed, color or national origin."

Conflicting interpretations of the exact meaning of the government's new policy of non-discrimination in publicly-aided housing has caused the NAACP to demand a clarification of policy. When the non-discriminatory policy was first announced by Solicitor General Philip Perlman, it appeared that some change in policy was in the making. However, statements by FHA head Richards indicate that FHA practices would remain the same.

The only new wrinkle in the policy would be that no loans would be granted where contracts contain a written restrictive covenant. However, the FHA an-

nounced that wherever "gentlemen's agreements" exist to bar Negroes and other minority groups, the FHA would not withhold loans.

## INCONSISTENCY SHOWN

The glaring inconsistency of the new regulations was revealed, last week when the government withdrew support from a housing project in the South because the 400 units were proposed for Negroes only. This project, according to government claims, was "discriminatory" to whites.

Whereas housing units barring Negroes may continue to get government funds, this project was deprived of government aid without which it cannot be built.

"We insist that the intent and purpose of such pronouncement cannot be carried into effect unless the new regulations arising therefrom provide that no loans guaranteed by FHA shall be granted any person, corporation, syndicate or other entity without a written guarantee that in the use, owner-

ship or occupancy of the property there shall be no discrimination based on race, creed or national origin," the NAACP resolution said.

## CRC ASKS WIRES TO DEWEY IN EXTRADITION FIGHT

Telegrams to Gov. Dewey urging that he rescind the order for extradition of James Wilson to a South Carolina chain gang were urged yesterday by the New York State Civil Rights Congress. The appeal of James Wilson, from an extradition order signed last June by Lieut. Gov. Hanley will be heard Jan. 3 by the appellate division of the New York State Supreme Court.

Wilson, who had been sentenced in 1941 to a South Carolina chain gang for life, escaped in the spring of 1949 and made his way to relatives in the Bronx. He was arrested May 3. After the extradition

papers were signed, action on them was staged.

Melbourne B. Mitchell, CRC administrative secretary, in urging thousands of protests to Dewey, pointed out that the U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals on May 18, in an extradition case, had ruled that "convicts are entitled to decency and humanity while in prison and if they are mistreated they are entitled to continue their freedom after they escape. It is enough to state that leg irons and most frequent beatings were among the most constant minor cruelties."

Wilson has lash marks on his back and marks on his ankles from leg irons, it was pointed out.

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## Around the Globe

By Joseph Starobin

### The Russians Knew— In November, 1940

WITH THE LATEST of the atomic energy sensations out of Washington, I guess we've heard just about everything. When the rest of the world has learned what the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission revealed last Friday, there will be a long guffaw—loud and long enough to disturb atmospheric conditions well into the New Year. And like most of humanity's jokes at the expense of us Americans, there is a lot of contempt, disgust and hatred mixed in with the amusement; that is, contempt and hatred for the pygmy men and the neanderthal intellects who temporarily control the destinies of a great nation.



You know what I'm referring to: the AEC admission last Friday that the Library of Congress has had in its possession a series of Russian documents which show that Soviet scientists knew everything they needed in November, 1940 to develop atomic power and manufacture atomic weapons.

Mark the date—November, 1940. That was four and a half years before the American bomb exploded. It was less than seven years before the Soviet Union itself developed atomic weapons and large-scale use of atomic energy.

THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS had those documents because they were public. They were the proceedings of a Conference on the Atomic Nuclei, which was held by the division of the Physical and Mathematical Sciences of the Soviet Academy of Sciences in 1940. The Library of Congress got these documents from the Soviet Union itself. But the amazing thing is that they were turned over to the Manhattan Project, headed by Gen. Leslie Groves, and were marked top-secret, and remained top-secret information until some time this year!

Thus, any American scientist could have written to the Soviet Academy, and gotten a summary of its work in this field, but he could not have gotten them from the Library of Congress; if he tried, he might be subject to the suspicion of espionage for the Russians!

JUDGING FROM the United Press story, the Soviet scientists knew just about everything that needed to be known for the production of atomic power and atomic weapons. Why then did they not produce the bomb, it might be asked? Obviously, because the Soviet economy was absorbed in the urgent task of preparing itself for the tremendous blow of the Hitler war. It was because the Soviet economy bore the brunt of the war that it could not expend its energies to produce atomic power and atomic weapons.

It follows that the main reason the United States could produce the bomb was not any scientific superiority or even technological superiority; it was simply that this country did not feel the main brunt of the war. We were able to expand our productive facilities, while other nations were expending them in the fire of conflict. We were remote from the battlefield, and we were saved from the destruction of the battlefield because the Soviet economy and the Soviet peoples took the main blows. Ironically, it was the American-Soviet alliance which enabled us to pioneer a weapon which our leaders immediately used as an instrument to disrupt and smash that alliance!

And notice: Gen. Groves knew about this all the time. Other high government officials, especially in the AEC, must have known it, too. Then what becomes of the fantastic spy scares of the last four years? Since the Soviet Union knew all that it needed to know before we began making bombs, then how completely ridiculous to think that they were moving heaven and earth to get these alleged secrets from us!

What becomes of the Canadian spy scare? of the miserable clap-trap about Gerhart Eisler, as an "atomic spy," of the witchhunts in California, and the attempts to involve American Communist leaders, such as Steve Nelson, and all the nonsense which Fulton Lewis, Jr., broadcast only recently with his Racey Jordan sensation. . . .

THE SOVIET UNION'S possession of an atomic weapon, revealed last September, has produced a certain sobering in this country, for it showed dramatically that the relationship of forces had changed; the full conclusions from this sobering have yet to be drawn. The AEC revelation should, once and for all, draw the curtain on the atomic hysteria. It is a sad and monstrous chapter in our history.

VIRGIL

By Len Kleis



## Letters from Readers

### Landlord Won't Fix Water Leaks

New York.

Editor, Daily Worker:

In the current water shortage danger, again it is the working people who suffer most. The landlord of my building is a floater, as many tenement owners are. No one knows where he lives and no one on the premises can hire workmen for repairs.

Two tenants reported large leaks to the Police Department and the boys in blue, being so helpful, offered the only aid they could. They are threatening to cut off the entire water supply for the building. No talk of finding the landlord and making him fix the leak. Just turn off the water.

If this should happen, the Health Department could force the tenants to vacate the premises. And the owner would suffer no hardships whatsoever,

for he would love to get the present tenants out and re-rent the rooms at super-costs.

INA ROSA.

### Lauds Raymond's Articles On Maritime Industry

New York.

Editor, Daily Worker:

Congratulations on the publication of the articles by Harry Raymond on our ailing maritime industry in Dec. 14 and 15 papers. He not only states the case in forcefully clear language, but proposes the solution to the sickness as well.

The first chilly effects of the cold war have long since been felt by the seamen, longshoremen and last, but not least, the hard-pressed shipyard workers. Among these people Harry Raymond's articles should be given the widest possible publicity by all maritime workers who have an eye to the commonweal.

EX-SHIPMASTER.

## Press Roundup

THE MIRROR's Ruth Alexander, whose Xmas stocking was filled with snake venom, uses the holiday as an occasion for some snarling at the late FDR. The column by Hearst's Dear Ruth is headed: "Communism Preaches 'Religion' of Hate."

THE NEWS' Harold Davis, who makes a living by being just bright enough to read the Daily Worker and misquote it, comments on the Worker Press Roundup treatment of a News editorial. If that sounds confusing, you should read Hapless Harold. His scintillating retort to the Worker's comment on the News' desire for elimination of strikes, is: "Strikes are forbidden in the Soviet Union, with the firing squad the result in case of disobedience." Must've been time to alternate the "slave labor camp" routine with the "firing squad" ditto.

THE JOURNAL - AMERICAN's Karl H. Von Wiegand utters a Christmas wish that the West will be given "a great statesman, thinker and leader" to fill the present "deep void"

in the fight against "Moscow." What an unkind slur on Franco, Chiang, Churchill and Aduar, to say nothing of Dewey, Dulles and Rankin.

THE TIMES, in a roundup of the status of various nations at the year's end, notes: "Internally, the Soviet Union lists definite advances during the year—improvement of living conditions generally, with more abundant food and lower prices, a substantial increase in the quantity and quality of consumers' goods, completion of many war reconstruction and rehabilitation projects and fulfillment of plans for achievement of five-year production plans in four years."

THE HERALD TRIBUNE's Heptisax calls for a new policy of telling the "Russian people" and telling them "monotonously" that "nobody will make war on them." Obviously, Heppie is dissatisfied with the present policy of boasting of our war plans, as one hardly calculated to win friends and influence Russians. Hey, Heptisax, your a-bomb is showing.—R.F.

## World of Labor

By George Morris

### The Mystery of Pizer's Fast Change of Mind

MEMBERS of the United Furniture Workers are puzzled by a mystery. What is it, many are wondering, what induced their general president, Morris Pizer, to flip within two hours from a position of stormy opposition to the CIO's dictatorial policy to one of calling for its support?

An "ideological" change of heart usually takes a little time to ripen. The turncoats who preceded Pizer, like his former pal, deserter and predecessor in office, Morris Muster, and like Mike Quill or Joe Curran, usually paved the way for their flips with a period of "doubts" and professed disagreement over certain things before they called in the press and announced they heard voices.

But that isn't the way Pizer did it. He took a non-stop elevator ride from the top floor of the Empire State Building clear down to the lowest basement. On the Saturday afternoon after the CIO convention in Cleveland, he entered the executive board meeting of the CIO vowing to "fight to the last" for his union's autonomous rights. A couple of hours later, he emerged to tell his fellow delegates that the UFW must capitulate.



EVER SINCE, the union has been embroiled in a struggle that threatens its very life, with Pizer, supported by Jack Hochstadt of Local 76 and the right-wing executive board, recklessly splitting the organization and following the footsteps of renegades like Quill and Curran. No sooner did Pizer take the dive than he was picked up by the union-busting scribes like Nelson Frank, Victor Riesel and their kind as a hero. The CIO News, even though he and his union are still under charges for following the "party line," welcomed him into the rightwing's fold.

Going through the record, I find quotations from Pizer's statements, speeches and resolutions running a mile long in which he was second to none in denouncing the sharp turn to dictatorship in the CIO.

Last May, speaking at his board meeting of the coming CIO convention, he even implied secession from the CIO.

"I don't think people should change affiliation, but still and all we can't just lay down and die on anything that they will tell us," said Pizer.

In the August issue of the Furniture Workers Press, Pizer again said, "We cannot reconcile ourselves to dictatorial practices of coercion upon international board representatives."

At the convention itself he spoke against the resolution barring Communists from office, and he voted along with his delegation and with the convention's left minority. He submitted a lengthy document of charges before a convention committee against the auto union for raiding.

But something happened within a span of some two hours on Saturday, Nov. 5, that changed everything, as his defeated GEB resolution says, to "support the program and policies of the CIO adopted at its recent convention."

Without as much as calling a GEB meeting to decide on UFW policy, he began a public campaign against his fellow officers and the majority of the board, in support of the dictatorial clique in the CIO he had denounced so much up until a few hours earlier.

IDEOLOGICALLY, Pizer has long been quite an acrobat, ranging from his renegacy from the Communist Party 10 years ago, and further back. His last major "contribution" to the furniture union was a factional fight he led for compliance with the Taft-Hartley affidavit. He sought to use the issue to rally a rightwing mobilization around himself. But his work resulted mostly in the loss of some 10,000 members to the union who could have been held if ranks were not split.

After his union had already suffered from raids of the CIO's Woodworkers, the AFL's Upholsterers and Reuther's UAW, Pizer is now on the warpath again, apparently unconcerned that this could mean the end of the organization that has done so much to organize and lift up the workers.

I don't claim to know what happened on that Saturday afternoon that sent Pizer into a feverish campaign in "support of the program and policies" of the CIO. But it is a sad commentary upon our labor movement that officials should play with the fate of their unions as though they were betting in a crap game. It would be even sadder if such handling of a union were condoned by the membership.

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## Brotherhood as a Force

AROUND THE GLOWING FIR TREES heaped with baubles, gifts, and lights, the merry families of the socialist states are gathering these bright days. They sing of peace. They sing the end of that monstrous shedding of blood and the murder of innocents which the munitions makers and the profit-hungry thieves of Big Capital plot for their own gain.

"People are throwing themselves into this most human of holidays," wrote Mrs. Anne McCormick in the New York "Times," "to shut out for a blessed interval the shadows of war, cruelty, frustration and fear in which they live."

Indeed, indeed. But Mrs. McCormick did not tell us where these terrible shadows come from. She implied that they come from the socialist peoples of the world. It seems that if any people abolishes the reign of the landlord and private factory owners, if they end the stock exchanges and the lust for profit, that they become a menace to us. Mrs. McCormick called the star of Socialism a "baleful star," to which she contrasted the star of Bethlehem.

But the New York Times confuses the ancient town of Bethlehem with the profits of the Bethlehem Steel Corporation.

Last week the Times applauded when the Pontius Pilates of the Steel Trust made sure that bread will be harder to buy later by raising their prices of machine metal—steel. The people believe in brotherhood, but brotherhood of which the profiteers speak is a mask for their hatred of the human race. Only haters of humanity would dare to pile up day after day the atombombs which will—they hope—destroy millions of human beings.

## A Startling Suggestion

THE POPE HAS JUST MADE the startling suggestion that the world's Protestants and Jews must return to the "one true church" immediately to fight "atheism." In the Vatican's eyes, "atheism" exists mainly where the common man becomes the owner of his nation's land and factories, using them for the welfare of all in a true brotherhood of which the early Christian martyrs dreamed. The crusade the Pope proposes for mankind (with atombombs spilling the blood of millions) is in reality also a crusade to bring back the days of the Inquisition with its torture chambers for those 'outside the one true church.' President Truman refused to send a birthday greeting to Joseph Stalin, the leader of the socialist state who urges the peaceful co-existence between socialism and capitalism. But Truman greeted the Pope, who blesses the warmakers and warns Protestants and Jews to return to the "one true church."

Meanwhile, to the devout Catholic peasants of Italy who seek land from the Catholic barons and landlords, the Vatican advised "Do not allow yourselves to exchange heavenly goods for those that are perishable and fleeting" (that is, the landlords estates).

CHRISTMAS HAS COME AND GONE. In vain did the plotters of war seek to hide their faces before the accusing fingers of the 800,000,000 men and women in the socialist lands who said: "There must be no war." In vain did the men of the banks, mortgages, and private investments in the labor of others seek to turn the spirit of human brotherhood into a lust for war against the USSR. The new birth of which wise men spoke and the hungry and poor dreamed has arrived. The brotherhood of man marches under the banner of peace, democracy and Socialism. Man's love for his fellows will become the power to frustrate the atombombers.

WATER!

By Fred Ellis



## As We See It

### The People's Love For Their Leaders

By Rob F. Hall

WASHINGTON.



"WHAT IS BYZANTINE sycophancy?" asked Marianne, looking up from her clippings. "What you need is the dictionary habit, my dear," I said. "Look it up."—"If you don't know, why don't you say so!" snapped Marianne. A moment later she was reading the definitions aloud:

"Byzantine: pertaining to Byzantium, now called Constantinople.

"Sycophancy: the act of fawning practices of a servile flatterer."

"That's a big help," Marianne said disgustedly. When I made no comment, she added: "Here is a columnist who says that the attitude of the Russian people to Stalin, as shown in their celebration of his birthday, is Byzantine sycophancy."

"In other words," I interrupted, "he is saying that the love and veneration which not only the Russian people but advanced workers in all lands feel for Stalin is servile flattery and fawning, the sort that used to be practiced toward the emperors of the Byzantine empire in ancient days."

"In other words, there's something Un-American about it?" said Marianne. "For my money, that's pure tripe. These editorial writers and columnists have forgotten the love and veneration which the American people felt toward George Washington while he was alive. I daresay it wasn't essentially different from what the Russian people feel about Stalin. Washington led us in our war of liberation and we made him our first president. He was a national hero, and the people idolized him."

"True," I said, "and their feeling for old Ben Franklin was about the same. Delegates to the Constitutional convention were constantly deferring to Franklin and the people adored him. (You ought to read about Franklin's funeral in Philadelphia.) And after each of our wars, we have, sometimes mistakenly, given popular ac-

claim to military leaders. Andrew Jackson and U. S. Grant were elected Presidents. They had enormous popular followings. And until Eisenhower revealed his reactionary soul he had the respect of millions of Americans."

"SO IT'S NOT un-American to love and venerate great leaders who have performed a fine service to the country," said Marianne.

"No," I said, "but it is true that the working classes, and the common people generally, have a greater capacity to love and admire a great leader than do the plutocrats. The ruling classes will help build up a leading figure until they become uncertain of his 'reliability' to their class interests. That is why they spent so much time trying to tear down Franklin Roosevelt, and they are still at it."

"Well, the common people loved and venerated Roosevelt. In millions of American homes, there were pictures of Roosevelt. And didn't we always celebrate Roosevelt's birthday with a campaign to help wipe out infantile paralysis?" said Marianne.

"On the other hand, the middle class intellectual standing between the workers and big business, afraid to ally himself with the workers and pretty much disowned by the big business crowd, seems to lack the capacity to wholly love and admire a great, living person. It was from their ranks we got the poison pen attacks on Roosevelt while he lived. And they are the characters who write the stuff attacking the people's love for Stalin," I pointed out.

"Gee, did my mother cry when Roosevelt died," Marianne reflected.

"Yes, FDR had a tremendous hold on the affection of the workers, the Jewish people, the Negro people, and many others," I said. "I can easily understand how the Russian people feel about Stalin. Of his 70 years, 50 have been devoted to

organizing the people for a better world. With Lenin he helped lead them to victory over Czarism to wipe out the tremendous poverty and degradation of those days. And he has led them not only in building socialism but in saving their country from Hitler. If Roosevelt who did many positive things for his country, but who did far less than Stalin, was adored the way he was by the rank and file of American people, isn't it natural that Stalin should be loved as he is?"

"Sure, I see what you mean," said Marianne. And Stalin has admirers all over the world."

"EVEN IN AMERICA," I said. "I remember how during the war, when Stalin's picture was thrown on the newsreel screen, theaters everywhere would applaud. I remember a girl, a textile worker in Nashville, Tenn., telling me that she had just seen Stalin in a movie. 'I could have hugged his neck,' she said."

"Me," said Marianne. "I love George Washington and Thomas Jefferson and Benjamin Franklin. I adore Abe Lincoln. I venerate Franklin Roosevelt. I think Lenin was terrific. Does it make me a Byzantine sycophant if I feel warm and friendly towards Joe Stalin?"

"Of course not," I said. "Your feeling for these great men has this one thing in common—they all helped lead humanity toward greater freedom and greater happiness. That is what you honor in all of them. Your capacity to feel this emotion is something for which you should be proud and thankful."

"Yep," said Marianne, "it's why I'm a good American."





# Parley Rallies 500 Million Women of Asia Against War

PEKING, By Mail, (NCN).—The Asian Women's Conference ended here Dec. 10, after mapping a program for the struggle of Asian women to win national liberation and lasting world peace. This weekend-long conference of delegates and fraternal

bore gifts to the rostrum for the delegations from more than 20 countries. Chu Teh greeted the delegates. He offered thanks to Generalissimo Stalin to the Soviet delegates and delegates from the countries of Asia and other continents for their aid which had made possible the victory attained by the Chinese people. He pointed out that the experience of the peoples revolution and women's movement in China demonstrated that the liberation of women in oppressed countries was inseparable from national liberation. Only when the whole nation has won liberation

can women attain freedom. He said though a long hard struggle is still before Asian women, he believed that the Conference would weld the ranks of women to bring about the early advent of victory. A message of greetings to Mme. Sun Yat-sen was sent by the Conference. After the closing speech by Mme. Vaillant-Couturier of France the Conference closed amid prolonged cheers and shouting of the slogans: "Long live the liberation of Asian Women!" and "Long live the WIDF!" "Long live Mao Tse-tung!" and "Long live Stalin!"

The resolution on the rights of the women of Asia stressed that: "The abolition of the exploitation and enslavement of women is inseparable from the liberation of the whole people. This is why the primary task of the oppressed women of Asia is to actively participate in the struggles for national liberation. Women must fight together with all the people in every possible way in order to drive the imperialistic powers out of Asia and crush the treacherous anti-popular forces in their countries."

## DEFEAT IMPERIALISM

The Asian Women's Conference, representing nearly 500,000,000 women affirms "that only by the complete defeat of imperialism and its lackeys, the reactionary governments in Asia, can the oppressed people and women in Asia win their rights. This is proved by the conditions of life of women in the countries where the people have become the masters of their own destiny." The Conference calls on the women of Asia and those organizations with women members, to support the World Democratic Federation, the living embodiment of the solidarity of women and mothers in the struggle for the inalienable rights of women and children, for happiness, justice and world peace."

The Conference denounces "the governments of imperialist countries for paralyzing the work of the United Nations' Commission on the status of women. This commission has not lived up to the expectations of women because of the opposition on the part of the Anglo-American delegations, despite the incessant efforts of the representatives of the USSR, the WFTU and the WIDF."

Two other resolutions "On the Conditions of Children in Asian Countries" and on "The Activities of the WIDF in Aiding the Struggle of the Asian Women" were also unanimously passed by the Conference.

## GREET STALIN

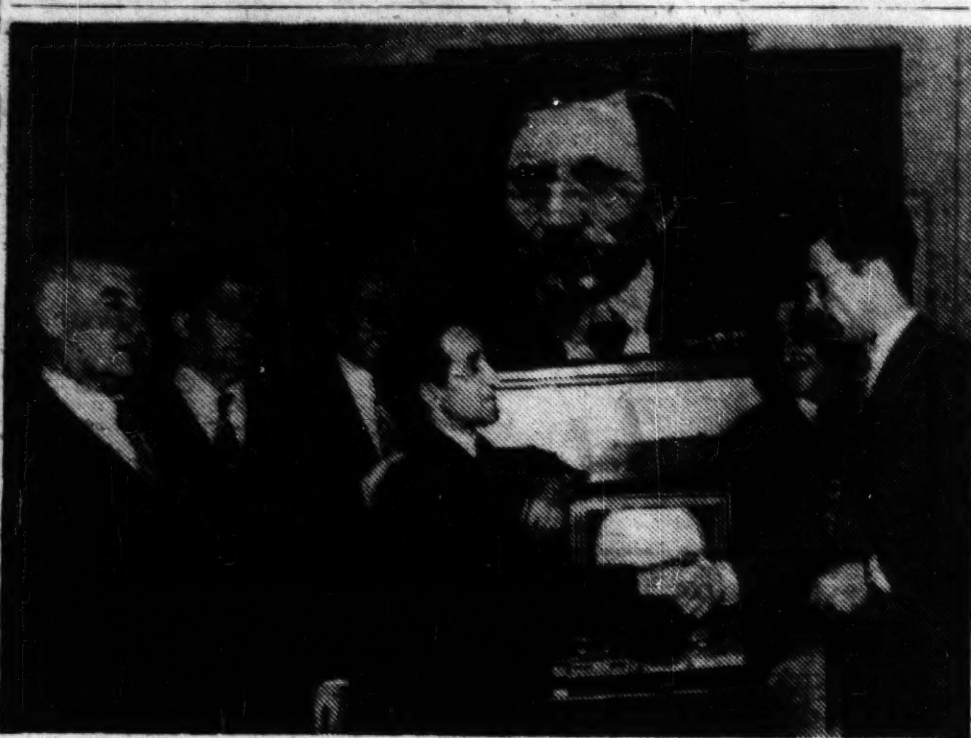
The Conference sent a telegram of greetings to Stalin on the occasion of his 70th birthday. Shouts of "Long live Stalin!" and "Stalin! Stalin!" filled the hall for several minutes when the telegram of greetings was read to the session.

Birthday gifts were presented to Generalissimo Stalin by the All China Democratic Women's Federation. The gifts included a portrait of Stalin and a 14-foot long Chinese drawing symbolizing "Longevity."

Gifts were also presented to Chairman Mao Tse-tung of the Chinese People's Republic, Commander-in-Chief Chu Teh, vice-chairman Liu Shao-chi and Premier Chou En-lai by the delegates from Korea, France and China. Thirty Chinese delegates then

can women attain freedom. He said though a long hard struggle is still before Asian women, he believed that the Conference would weld the ranks of women to bring about the early advent of victory.

A message of greetings to Mme. Sun Yat-sen was sent by the Conference. After the closing speech by Mme. Vaillant-Couturier of France the Conference closed amid prolonged cheers and shouting of the slogans: "Long live the liberation of Asian Women!" and "Long live the WIDF!" "Long live Mao Tse-tung!" and "Long live Stalin!"



HERMAN WALTER, a member of the CIO Fur Workers, is presented with a television set from the Jewish Labor Bazaar. Left to right: Jack Schneider, Max Bronsnick, Max Kohnsky and Herman Walters, of the Furriers Joint Council, and Martin Lapidus and William Levner, of the Jewish Labor Bazaar.

## NEW YORK COMMUNISTS MOURN LARRY WASHINGTON

The New York State Committee of the Communist Party issued the following statement, signed by Robert Thompson, chairman, and William Norman, secretary, on the death of Larry Washington:

The New York State Committee of the Communist Party deeply mourns the death of Larry Washington, an outstanding, devoted Communist militant, a Communist for 14 years, a pioneer builder of the Young Communist League and Communist Party of Harlem, an organizer of the struggles of the unemployed masses in the thirties, a member of the Furriers Union, and a leader of the Harlem American Labor Party.

Comrade Washington was a Communist militant who symbolized to his death and epitomized in his life work the great cause of unity of the working classes and the Negro liberation movement.

Comrade Washington was a Communist militant, active at all times in mass work and mass struggles, who at the same time never lost his perspective, and always worked to build and advance the Communist Party in the course of these mass activities.

During the period of the economic crisis of the thirties, Comrade Washington was a militant organizer for the Workers Alliance, leading mass struggles of Negro youth for jobs and relief. During this time, Comrade Washington was also a leader and builder of the Harlem YCL and Communist Party.

FOR MANY YEARS Comrade Washington worked as a furrier and was one of the best rank and file Communist leaders in the Furriers Union.

In the recent past, Comrade Washington was an active leader in the Harlem American Labor Party and played an outstanding role in the '49 campaign to reelect Comrade Ben Davis.

Comrade Washington carried on these mass activities and struggles all these years despite persistent bad health. His activity in the '49 Councilman race was carried on despite the fact he was just recuperating from a serious operation.

Comrade Washington was the kind of a Communist militant who, completely devoted to the party, the working class and the Negro

## Prenatal Care -- What Foods to Eat

By the Physicians Forum

By Federated Press

IN A PREVIOUS ARTICLE, we showed why a good diet is important both for the expectant mother and for her baby. Now we should like to discuss some of the foods that should go into the mother's diet.

This discussion will be based pretty largely on the pamphlet entitled: *Prenatal Care*, published by the U. S. Children's Bureau. This pamphlet was completely rewritten and brought up to date this year, and we recommend it highly. It is on sale for 15 cents by the U. S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C.

A lot of people think that the expectant mother must eat a lot because she is "eating for two." This isn't true. The amount of food an expectant mother should eat is only a little more than the amount which should be eaten by a woman who is not pregnant.

The important thing really is not how much the expectant mother eats, but what kinds of food she eats. She needs foods rich in protein, calcium, iron and all the vitamins.

UNFORTUNATELY, many people tend to fill up on sugars, starches or fats, partly because these foods aren't so expensive and partly because of habit. When people do this, and don't eat enough of the other necessary foods, their diet is unbalanced and poor. An expectant mother needs to eat the following foods every day:

Milk—One quart of whole or skim milk a day. Milk is an important source of protein, calcium and the vitamin called riboflavin. Part of the milk can be taken in cream soups, custards, puddings or creamed foods. Cheese may also be used. Skim milk can be used by overweight persons if they are getting vitamin A from other foods.

Fruits and vegetables—At least five servings of fruits and vegetables a day, and at least one serving of each should be raw. Include a serving of oranges or grapefruit, or tomatoes, berries, or melon, and one or more leafy green vegetables. These fruits and vegetables provide vitamins and iron, and also some of the necessary calcium and energy.

Lean meat, poultry, fish—At least a quarter of a pound of meat or fish a day is needed to supply the building materials for muscles and blood.

Eggs—At least one egg a day. Eggs are a good source of iron, which helps to build good blood for both the mother and her baby.

CEREALS AND BREAD—Three

liberation movement, never sought personal advancement or career, the kind of Communist militant who makes up the heart and soul of the great revolutionary movement.

A GREAT HATRED of all exploitation and oppression, of capitalism, a love for the people, for the cause of Socialism, characterized Comrade Washington at all times, his thought and his work. He was a fighter against all compromise or conciliation in the struggle against the ruling class. He was a fighter for peace. He fought to weld unity of Communist and non-Communist allies for peace.

At the same time, Comrade Washington was known and loved for his great warmth, his modesty, and his fearlessness in the struggle.

The life-work of Comrade Washington serves as a true example to the new generation of young militants, Communist and non-Communist, Negro and white.

A great loss has been suffered by the Communist Party and by the progressive movement. It can be truly said that Comrade Washington gave his life for his country, his class and his people.

The Communist Party extends its heartfelt condolences to Comrade Washington's wife and children.

servings a day of cereals and bread are needed to supply certain vitamins and also energy. Use only the whole-grain, restored, or enriched cereals, breads and flour.

Butter and fortified margarine—These contain vitamin A. If you are watching your weight, use butter and fortified margarine sparingly, since they are fatty foods. Vitamin A can also be obtained from other foods which are less fattening, such as liver, carrots, yellow squash and leafy green vegetables.

Fluids—The expectant mother needs plenty of fluids. Soups, milk and fruit juices are good sources of fluid, but most pregnant women need to drink a few glasses of water a day in addition.

Vitamin D—Most pregnant women need extra vitamin D, particularly in winter when they don't get enough sun. This can be taken in fish-liver oil or some type of concentrate. It's better to get the doctor's advice than to dose yourself.

## What's On?

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## West German Fund for Secret Police Bared

BERLIN, Dec. 25 (Telepress).—North Rhine Interior Minister Menzel had to admit to a question of the Communist Deputy Schabrod that a secret fund of one-half million west marks, which is not to be accounted for, is for "suppression of subversive activity against the state." The Communist Deputy pointed out that the funds are being used against the Communist Party only, as fascist activities are not being hampered anywhere. A move to abolish the funds has been defeated, all other parties voting against the Communists.

Spokesman of the Free Democrat Party in the Bonn parliament, Erich Mende, announced briefly that the "government" plans to set up a "small intelligence service to safeguard Bonn from foreign spies." Bonn police officials confirmed that cadres of the "German FBI" have already started work.

Police detectives with long and "satisfactory" records—among them a great number of former Gestapo agents—have been concentrated at a Bonn police school for special training. As soon as the allied High Commission approves of the new police force, schools will be opened throughout the territory of Western Germany.

According to the allied agreements after Germany's capitulation no political or secret police were to be allowed in Germany.

George Morris' World of Labor, a column reporting and interpreting the news in the labor movement, appears daily in the Daily Worker and in the weekend Worker.

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## Nazis Arrogant Again

VIENNA (Telepress).—"Yes, we are fascist," answered representatives of the "Union of Independents" at a workers' meeting in Linz when they were accused of being fascists by a Communist spokesman. One "Independent's Union" functionary declared openly that in his opinion "all Jews must be exterminated in the end."

Many leading Nazis in the Linz Hermann Goering works, such as Directors Lettner, Kafka and Enzenbrunner, who saved themselves after the end of the war by joining the Socialist Party, have now gone over to the "Independent's Union."

At Brunnau, Hitler's birthplace, neo-fascists are shouting under the windows of the anti-fascists: "We will make lampshades out of you."

At Sty, prominent members of the "Independent's Union" are having regular meetings dressed in SS uniforms.

## Unemployment

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and services produced—amounted to an estimated \$259,000,000,000, about 2 percent less than 1948. The major change was in business inventories, which declined moderately this year.

Sawyer declared, however, there was a rise in demand for the year which he imputed to increased purchases of "government goods and services," as well as to increased purchases of houses, automobiles, and personal services. There was a reduced demand for clothing, producers' plant and equipment and privately financed net exports of goods and services.

"A rise in publicly-financed building more than offset a decline in private commercial and industrial construction," he added.

In farm production, a heavy output which, following the bumper crops of 1948, accounted in large part for the decline in farm prices from the postwar peak. "An additional factor was the less urgent requirements in foreign countries," Sawyer stated.

Business opportunities, he said, continued favorable, but the sharp postwar growth in the number of business establishments was arrested at the end of the year, there were about 3,900,000 firms in operation, some 15 percent above the pre-war level.

Sawyer said at the end of the year "business activity was moderately below the postwar high reached at the close of 1948."

# Crisis Shakes DeGasperi Coalition, Says Togliatti

By Gino Bardi

ROME, Dec. 25 (Telepress).—De Gasperi's government is "undergoing a process of erosion" and "every day loses some shred of its authority," it was declared by Palmiro Togliatti, general secretary of the Italian Communist Party, in his report to the Party's Central Committee.

All those in the pay of the Italian government coalition, Togliatti stated, manifest signs of uneasiness and crisis. These signs appear in the Christian Democratic Party itself "whose apparent unity is due to factors that are extraneous to political life."

Togliatti characterized the Italian government as a "mutilated government in a paradoxical situation."

He mentioned the recent peasant struggles in southern Italy and on the other hand last week's anti-government attack pronounced by the Association of Industrialists. Both these facts, Togliatti said, indicate the "inadequacy of the government and the accumulation of contradictions and explosive elements."

He explained that the reason for all this was that the political front constituted from the elections of April, 1948, had been "profoundly shaken." This political front, he declared, was a failure, reality having torn off its lying mask.

"Today it is clear," he continued, "that it was not possible to outlaw the Communist Party, that our strength has not diminished but has increased, and our ideas, and above all our analysis of the Italian situa-

## Texas

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vestigation" of five Mexican-Americans and two Jewish people, alleged to be aliens.

Estes refused to answer questions about one of the alleged aliens on constitutional grounds. He has since been called before the Federal District Court to show cause why he should not be cited for contempt. Estes is scheduled to appear today (Monday).

A few days ago, CRC continued, subpoenas were issued in connection with an "investigation" of two German anti-fascist refugees who applied to return to Germany and who are willing to accept voluntary or involuntary deportation.

According to information received by the CRC chapter in Houston, subpoenas have already been served on the Harris County chairman of the Progressive Party, who is also a Negro leader in the NAACP, and on J. Green, Billie Green, several members of the Civil Rights Congress, the Young Progressives of America, and the Communist Party.

## Holiday Toll

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sin and Minnesota, where it was expected to strike tonight. Temperature drops of as much as 35 to 40 degrees were reported at some points.

Forecasters said that another low pressure area was sighted behind the moving front, and that it probably would bring additional cold after the present front swept on.

South Dakota reported light snow and winds. Helena, Mont., reported 15 degrees below zero for Christmas, and Williston, N.D., had 12 below.

Except for New England, Eastern States were enjoying comparatively normal temperatures. Western seaboard states were chilly, but many California citrus growers who had spent nights last week protecting their tender orchards from frost with smudge pots got a Christmas holiday.

Winds whipped portions of the Great Lakes states and were felt as far east as Pennsylvania, but were moving away toward Canada.

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WMCA — 570 kc. WINS — 1010 kc. WJZ — 1050 kc.  
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## MORNING

9:00-WOR-Harry Hennessey  
 WJZ-Breakfast Club  
 WJZ-This is New York  
 WNYC-Masterwork Hour  
 9:15-WNBC-Norman Brokenshire  
 WOR-Marvin Miller  
 9:30-WOR-Foot—Alfred W. McCann  
 WQXR-Piano Personalities  
 9:45-WNBC-The Stars Sing  
 WJZ-Missus Goes A-Shopping  
 WQXR-Composers' Varieties  
 10:00-WNBC-Welcome Travelers  
 WOR-Henry Gladstone  
 WJZ-My True Story  
 WJZ-Bing Crosby Show  
 WQXR-Morning Melodies  
 10:15-WOR-Maria Deane Program  
 WJZ-Arthur O'Grady Show  
 10:30-WNBC-Marriage for Two  
 WJZ-Betty Crocker Magazine  
 WNYC-Theatre music  
 10:45-WNBC-Dorothy Dix  
 WJZ-Victor H. Lindahl  
 WNYC-Wise Buying  
 11:00-WNBC-We Love and Learn  
 WJZ-Modern Romances  
 WOR-News: Prescott Robinson  
 WNYC-Music  
 WQXR-News: Alma Dettinger  
 11:15-WNBC-Dave Garraway Show  
 WOR-Tello-Test  
 11:30-WNBC-Jack Beech Show  
 WOR-Meet the Menous  
 WJZ-Quick as a Flash, Quiz  
 WJZ-Grand Slam  
 11:45-WNBC-Lora Lawlor  
 WJZ-Rosemary

## AFTERNOON

12:00-WNYC-Midday Symphony  
 WOR-Kate Smith  
 WNBC-News Report  
 WJZ-House party  
 WJZ-Wendy Warren  
 WQXR-News: Luncheon Concert  
 12:15-WJZ-Aunt Jenny  
 WNBC-Norman Brokenshire  
 12:25-WJZ-Walter Kierman  
 12:30-WOR-News: Luchon at Sardi's  
 WJZ-Helen Trent  
 WJZ-Herb Sheldon Show  
 12:45-WJZ-Our Gai Sunday  
 1:00-WNBC-Mary Margaret McBride  
 WJZ-News  
 WJZ-Big Sister  
 WNYC-Music  
 WQXR-News: Midday Symphony  
 1:15-WJZ-Nancy Craig  
 WJZ-Ma Perkins  
 1:30-WNBC-Young Dr. Malone  
 WOR-Hollywood Theatre  
 1:45-WNBC-The Guiding Light-Sketch  
 WNYC-Weather Report: News  
 2:00-WNBC-Double or Nothing  
 WOR-Second Honey Moon  
 WJZ-Breakfast in Hollywood  
 WJZ-Second Mrs. Burton  
 WQXR-News: Record Review  
 2:15-WJZ-Perry Mason  
 2:30-WNBC-Today's Children  
 WOR-Queen for a Day  
 WJZ-Bride and Groom  
 WJZ-Nora Drake  
 WNYC-Symphonic Matinee  
 WQXR-Curtain at 2:30  
 2:45-WNBC-Light of the World  
 WJZ-The Brighter Day  
 WQXR-Musical Memory Game  
 3:00-WNBC-Life Can Be Beautiful  
 WOR-The Answer Man  
 WJZ-Buddy Rogers Show  
 WJZ-David Harum  
 WQXR-News: Music  
 3:15-WNBC-Road of Life  
 WJZ-Hilltop House  
 WOR-Gabriel Heatter  
 3:30-WNBC-Pepper Young  
 WJZ-Ladies Be Seated  
 WJZ-Gary Moore Show  
 WOR-Happiness Exchange  
 3:45-WNBC-Right to Happiness  
 4:00-WNBC-Backstage Wife  
 WQXR-Barbara Weller  
 WNYC-Disk Date  
 WQXR-News: Record Album  
 WJZ-Galen Drake  
 4:15-WNBC-Stella Dallas  
 4:30-WNBC-Lorenzo Jones

RADIO HIGHLIGHTS  
Monday, Dec. 26

PM  
 9:00-Radio Theatre. WJZ.  
 10:00-Arthur Gaeth. WJZ.  
 TV  
 8:00-Silver Theatre, WJZ.  
 8:00-Tele-Theatre. WJZ.  
 9:00-Candid Camera. WJZ.  
 10:00-Studio One. WJZ.  
 WJZ-News, Music  
 WOR-Prince Charming Show  
 WJZ-Melody Promenade  
 WQXR-Scenes from Opera  
 4:45-WNBC-Younger Brother Brown  
 WJZ-Patt Barnes  
 5:00-WNBC-When a Girl Marries  
 WOR-To be announced.  
 WJZ-The Yukon Play  
 WJZ-Galen Drake  
 WQXR-News: Today in Music  
 WNYC-Children's Festival  
 5:15-WNBC-Portia Faces Life  
 WQXR-Record Review  
 5:30-WNBC-Just Plain Bill  
 WOR-Tom Mix, sketch  
 WJZ-Sky King  
 WJZ-Hits and Misses  
 WQXR-Cocktail Time  
 5:45-WNBC-Front Page Farrell  
 EVENING  
 6:00-WNBC-Kenneth Bagnhart  
 WOR-Lyle Van  
 WJZ-Eric Serareid  
 WJZ-News  
 WQXR-News: Music to Remember  
 6:15-WNBC-Sports  
 WOR-Bob Elson, Interviews  
 6:30-WOR-News Reports  
 WJZ-Wayne Howell  
 WJZ-Curt Massey  
 6:45-WNBC-Three Star Extra  
 WJZ-Johnny Thompson Show  
 WOR-Stan Lorenz  
 WJZ-Lowell Thomas  
 7:00-WNBC-Sinatra Show  
 WJZ-Headline Edition  
 WNYC-Masterwork Hour  
 WQXR-News: Keyboard Artists  
 WOR-Fulton Lewis Jr.  
 WJZ-Beulah Show  
 7:15-WNBC-News of the World  
 WOR-Answer Man  
 WJZ-Jack Smith Variety  
 WJZ-Elmer Davis, News  
 WQXR-On Stage  
 7:30-WOR-Gabriel Heatter  
 WJZ-Lone Ranger  
 WNBC-Story Tellers Playhouse  
 WQXR-Jacques Frey  
 WJZ-Dick Haynes, Club 15  
 7:45-WNBC-H. V. Kaltenborn  
 WOR-I Love a Mystery  
 WJZ-Edward Murrow  
 8:00-WNBC-The Railroad Hour  
 WOR-Straight Arrow, Play  
 WJZ-Quiz Program  
 WJZ-Inner Sanctum  
 WQXR-News: Symphony Hall  
 8:30-WOR-Peter Salem  
 WJZ-Arthur Godfrey Show  
 WJZ-Henry Taylor, News  
 WNYC-Velvet and Gold  
 WNBC-Musical Program  
 9:00-WNBC-Musical Program  
 WOR-Murder by Experts  
 WJZ-Radio Theatre  
 WJZ-Kate Smith  
 9:30-WOR-Five Mysteries  
 WNBC-Bands of America  
 WQXR-Lets Celebrate  
 10:00-WJZ-Arthur Gaeth  
 WNBC-Dean Martin Show  
 WJZ-Irma, Sketch  
 WQXR-Nights in Latin America  
 WJZ-Frank Edwards Comments  
 10:30-WNBC-Dave Garraway Show  
 WOR-The Symphonette  
 WJZ-Ralph Norman Orch.  
 WQXR-Melodies in Old Vienna

## Around the Dial:

## WOR Repeats Knickerbocker Talk on Christ and Marx

By Bob Lauter

LAST YEAR THE late H. R. Knickerbocker delivered a talk on Christmas night. The broadcast bore the title, Jesus Christ and Karl Marx.

I understand that WOR repeated the broadcast this year. I did not listen to it. But since the station has seen fit to offer the program to the public again, I am repeating the pertinent sections of the column I wrote last December:

CERTAINLY it will surprise no one to learn that Knickerbocker distorted the teachings and philosophy of Karl Marx. But Knickerbocker also chose Christmas night to distort the teachings and philosophy of Christ.

Knickerbocker's line is simple. Anything bad in history is the result of Marxism. Did you catch a cold? Marx caused it.

On this basis he proclaimed that World War II was caused not by capitalism, not by the fascist axis but by Karl Marx. Hitler did not arise as the German overseer for monopoly capitalism. He was the result of the Soviet revolution.

To these fantastic distortions he added the usual stock-in-trade of the red-baiter. He polished off the tarnished canard about the 15 million 'slaves' in Siberia. He calmly proclaimed what every newspaper headline denies: that China's millions fear the advance of the Communist armies.

Then he returned to what he called Marx's 'bait. This 'bait was

'a better life for the common man.' I wonder what Knickerbocker believes to be the philosophy of Christ.

IN A DESPERATE attempt to depict Marx as the anti-Christ, Knickerbocker blandly asserted that Marx despised the poor and Stalin, according to Knickerbocker rivals Marx in despising the people. It is rather pointless, in the context of today's historical developments, to bother answering such drivel.

Then Knickerbocker passed to some pure master-race concepts which he draped in the robes of Christianity. He defended American imperialism by pretending that it does not exist and insisting that after each world war, we failed to use our new power and position for selfish ends. God, said Knickerbocker, in a moment of unctuous mysticism worthy of Hitler, conferred the gift of the atomic bomb on us as the only nation worthy to use it (!!!)

His talk on Christ and Marx was almost exclusively on Marx. When he spoke of Christ, it was to express such sentiments as his idea that Americans are free because Jesus Christ leads them 'whether they know it or not.'

Presumably Christ does not lead Asians 'whether they know it or not,' and American imperialism will have to step in and take over, whether they like it or not.

Someone I know called the sta-

tion to protest the program and asked to speak to Mr. Knickerbocker. He was told that Mr. Knickerbocker could not be spoken to. Then my friend called a few minutes later, praised the program, and again asked to speak to Mr. Knickerbocker. The station immediately made an effort to get him to the phone. That they didn't succeed wasn't their fault.

## World Documentary To Show Six Non-Fiction Films

World Documentary Theatre holds its third showing of outstanding non-fiction films from all parts of the world this week at the Barbizon Plaza Hotel. On the program will be a premiere of the Czech film Dramatic School; two English films, one on a primitive Nigerian community, the other a color cartoon explaining the National Health Plan, a psychoanalytical film from Canada called Feeling of Hostility, a color animation film by Norm McLaren and the Russian classic on experiments with dead dogs brought back to life, Revival of Organisms.

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- **FAME IS THE SPUR.** An acutely drawn portrait of a British Party misleader, with a complex, studied performance by Michael Redgrave. Manhattan-Little CineMet.
- **THE BICYCLE THIEF.** Another fine film by Vittorio De Sica, the maker of Shoe Shine. Manhattan-World Theatre.
- **HAMLET.** The widely praised Laurence Olivier version of the Shakespeare play. Manhattan-Park Avenue Theatre.
- **HOME OF THE BRAVE.** Despite serious weaknesses, a pioneering film against Jim Crow. Manhattan-Bryant.
- **BALTIC DEPUTY.** A Soviet classic of a few days in the life of a scientist during the October Revolution, with Nicolai Cherkassov. Manhattan-Irving Pl.
- **THE YOUNG GUARD.** Gerasimov's film about a Komsomol group during the war, perhaps the best Soviet film since the war. Manhattan-Stanley (starts Saturday).
- **THE HEIRESS.** William Wyler's fine film of the play based on James' Washington Square, with Olivia de Havilland, Montgomery Clift. Brooklyn-Paramount.
- **THE AFFAIR BLUM.** A fine German film about an attempted frameup of a Jew which is particularly relevant today. Manhattan-Midtown.
- **THE MUSEUM OF MODERN ART FILM LIBRARY.** The Mikado with the D'Oyle Carte Opera Company.
- **ON THE TOWN.** The movie version of the famous Broadway musical. Manhattan-Music Hall.
- **RED SHOES.** Distinguished by a fine ballet sequence. Manhattan-Bijou.
- **QUARTET.** Four polished and witty stories of Somerset Maugham cleverly done. Manhattan-Broadway Embassy.
- **DEVIL IN THE FLESH.** A tragic story of two young lovers incapable of escaping the mesh of bourgeois conventions in which they're caught. Manhattan-Paris Theatre.
- **ALL THE KING'S MEN.** Shallow and inconclusive, but Robert Rossen's direction makes this story of a Huey Long exciting to watch. Manhattan-Victoria.
- **DOLBYN.** The first two-thirds is a brilliant account of the death of a town, the rest melodrama, with a fine performance by Edith Evans. Manhattan-Plaza.
- **MONSIEUR VINCENNE.** A frequently moving film about a 18th century priest-reformer, with Pierre Fresnay. Manhattan-Heights.
- **IT HAPPENED IN EUROPE.** A beautifully filmed story of Europe's homeless children by the Hungarian Radvanyi. Manhattan-Thalia.
- **ADAM'S RIB.** A bunch of good performers make some hilarious moments of the Gordon-Kamin script. Manhattan-Capitol.
- **TIGHT LITTLE ISLAND.** A charming little comedy about a Scotch island that runs out of whiskey. Manhattan-60th St. Trans Lux.
- **GIVE US THIS DAY.** An unsatisfying film version of Christ in Concrete, with Sam Wanamaker and Lea Padovani. Manhattan-Rialto.
- **INTRUDER IN THE DUST.** Shallow and distorted as a picture of the Negro in the South, but Juano Hernandez's performance may make it worth your while. Manhattan-Mayfair.
- **FALLEN IDOL.** Carol Reed's direction may make this unmotivated melodrama worth seeing. Manhattan-Sutton Theatre.
- **BATTLEGROUND.** Sick and glib, partly redeemed by some humor of the Yank magazine type. Manhattan-Astor.

**Skip**  
**TOKYO JOE.** Bogart says Japanese fascists and Communists are in cahoots.  
**THE RED RANGER.** Drury slander about the Soviet Union's policy in Austria.  
**PROJECT X.** A vicious red-baiting quickie.



## Today's Films:

## 'Young Guard', Best Soviet Film Since the War

By Jose Yglesias

THE YOUNG GUARD, the new film at the Stanley, is the best movie to come from the Soviet Union since the war. Taut, dramatic, it is a moving recreation of the resistance of a Komsomol group in a Ukrainian village to the Nazi invaders. The group portrait that emerges from its wealth of

• • THE YOUNG GUARD. Artkino. Written and directed by Sergei Gerasimov. Music by Dmitri Shostakovich. Camera, V. Rappaport. With Vladimir Ivanova, Tamara Makarova, Irene Makarova, S. Gursko, B. Vitiukov. At the Stanley.

incidents is a tribute to Russia's young Communists and provides warm, human insight into the new way of life that produced so many heroes in the war against fascism.

Based on the Fadeyev novel written and directed by the noted Gerasimov, the movie telescopes all the elements of their brief young lives in a year of war. Without flashbacks, picking them up at the height of an action, the movie carries the group from sunlit moments through adventures that try their faith and courage to the moment when aged by torture they answer the roll call of the Nazi executioners as triumphant heroes. Reflective and adventurous, humorous and tragic, The Young Guard is the kind of deeply-moving experience that the great Soviet films on revolutionary themes have been.

THE CAMERA picks two girls running across a countryside, follows them as they meet a few others until, playing and shouting, they stop at a river bank on the



DEFIANT EVEN when threatened with death, members of the Young Guard face their Nazi torturers.

outskirts of the mining village where they live. One of them mentions the war which they had forgotten in their afternoon of play, and one girl, with all the exaggerated seriousness of adolescence, says, "I feel in my heart that we shall not be happy again." In a moment they hear the sound of planes come to bomb their village.

Plunged immediately into the violence of a Nazi attack, the movie introduces one to the young boys and girls of the Komsomol group of the town who in the midst of the town's evacuation plan their organization for the time, soon to come, when the Nazis will have occupied it. The rest of the movie's two hours and fifteen minutes is a breathless account of their activities, their ingenuity and courage, the warmth and eagerness with which they

make a gift of their lives for the freedom of their country. Played by a group of student actors who have not acted professionally before, their terrible story, detailed with sharply individual characterizations, is also one of the blossoming of character.

It is impossible to synopsise The Young Guard, overflowing as it is with many lives and actions. Not a moment is wasted, each incident is a new kind of test and a further revelation. Perhaps the high point in adventure is a long suspenseful action in which the group lures the Nazi garrison to an evening's entertainment at the village theatre in order to burn down the labor headquarters where records are kept of the local citizens to be deported for slave labor.

There is the scene, compounded



TAMARA MAKAROVA plays an important role as mother of the leader of the Young Guard.

of humor and deep seriousness, in which the group meets to admit a new member. A slightly young boy, no more than eleven or twelve he is tested with questions by the veterans three or four years older than himself. When asked what is the principal goal of a Komsomol, he answered that it is to drive out Nazis until not one remains alive in their land. "Well," says one of the boys, highly pleased, "he is certainly politically conscious." In a profoundly serious and touching way the boy circles the room shaking hands with his comrades.

There are many scenes on this order—their meeting to celebrate the October Revolution when they put rugs on the floor to soften the sounds of their dancing, their liberation of a camp of war prisoners, the filmically exciting evacuation of the village—until a weak mem-

ber betrays the names of the others under torture. To see a group of young people whom the movie has taught one to love die at the hands of the Nazi would seem unbearable, but The Young Guard, without sacrificing the tragedy of their end, manages to convey the strength of their act and the hopefulness of their life's meaning most strongly.

The movie has been cut here of an hour's time, an act which is to be deplored because it robs its first half of its structure and smooth continuity and also of the audience's fuller acquaintance with each member of the group so eloquently portrayed. Let us hope that its distributors will decide to give us The Young Guard in its entirety someday. Meanwhile, the version at the Stanley is a film about which one can rejoice.

## 'Prince of Foxes' and 'No Room at the Inn'

A FEW MONTHS ago Paulette Goddard came to town in a movie as Lucrezia Borgia. This Christmas weekend we have The Prince of Foxes with Orson Welles as Cesare Borgia, the mean older brother, and Tyrone Power as a young lieutenant of his who finally turns and is instrumental in

THE PRINCE OF FOXES. Twentieth Century-Fox. Produced by Sol C. Siegel. Directed by Henry King. Screen play by Milton Krims. From the novel by Samuel Shellabarger. With Tyrone Power, Orson Welles, Wanda Hendrix, Everett Sloane, Katina Paxinou. At the Roxy.

bringing about his destruction. Very soon we may all have to get a good history of the Italian renaissance to get straightened out. Or, better, a good historical movie to be reassured that there's nothing inherently wrong with the medium.

The Prince of Foxes is one of those historical pageants in which actors of varying ability and accents pose unsuccessfully throughout as characters in history. Done with some dash there have been some which have been entertaining. But done in deadpan and in all seriousness, as this one, they can be an awful bore.

As Borgia Orson Welles wants a little walled duchy which stands in the way of further conquests and sends Tyrone Power to weaken it by making love to the young wife of its aging but kindly, democratic Duke. Wanda Hendrix, as a kind of sorority Duchess, is given to saying in a piping voice, "I don't intend to be wise. I can only be what I am." And so, of course, Tyrone falls in love, defeats Borgia and ends up by being united to the girl in a wedding probably inspired by his much publicized one. Or perhaps it was vice-versa.

If the movie teaches its producers anything it should be to cast it with actors with the ability to ham as trickily as Orson Welles. Only he can overcome its pompous

dialogue, carry the action off in grand style and steal every scene from the unsuspecting glamor boys and girls. He is a master of breathy pauses and large gestures, playing scenes with his head upturned, or sedulously limbering his fingers or malevolently rolling his eyes. When Everett Sloane says, "Speak up, magnifico," to him, one isn't as prone to laugh as loudly as when it is addressed to Tyrone Power.

The only virtue of The Prince of Foxes is that it was filmed in Italy and, thus, is filled with the authentic light of place if not of history. There was one fleeting glimpse of the grand canal in Venice half blocked out by Tyrone Power's presence which may, perhaps, have prejudiced us unduly against the young man.—J. Y.

NO ROOM AT THE INN. Stratford Films. Produced by Ivan Foxwell. Screen play by Dylan Thomas and Ivan Foxwell. Based on a play by Joan Temple. With Freda Jackson, Joy Shelton, Hermione Baddeley, Joan Dowling. At the Embassy Cinema.

The Embassy Cinema's Christmas offering, No Room At The Inn, is an English film pitched for pathos that is reminiscent of Charles Dickens' work. The story, that of neglected wartime children evacuees, is unpretentious and well acted. But it is so concerned with simple villainies and good works that it finally has nothing to say—except, perhaps, that one shouldn't allow children to fall into the hands of immoral persons. All it asks its audience is that it have a good cry.

Still the sentiment is in a good cause—little children—and in its leading character, the housekeeper Mrs. Voray, Freda Jackson creates an interestingly detailed characterization. Mrs. Voray is the familiar unattached barfly who supplements her income by boarding evacuee children. She starves them, pawns their clothes, keeps them in filth, and sets them a ter-

rible example by coming home drunk every night from the pub.

The movie follows an exemplary girl who is boarded with her and slowly degenerates but is finally redeemed when Mrs. Voray is killed in a drunken fall. A certain amount of humor is extracted from the situation: the appealing camaraderie of the children and



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## PICK FRISCO TO UPSET LIU AT GARDEN TONIGHT

By Bill Mardo

Might as well get it done with now. The writer looks for San Francisco's determined Dons to come back into the Garden tonight fighting mad and fully geared to upsetting Long Island University's great hoopsters. In the opener to the evening's holiday twinbill we'll go with Manhattan over a weak Santa Clara squad. So much for the traditional picking chores.

Now for a bit of explanation. Firstly, the LIU-Frisco game should be a honey. No doubt but that coach Clair Bee has one of the finest teams in the land in the lads comprising his first six, LeRoy Smith, Dick Feurtado, Herb Scherer, Adolph Bigos, Sherman White and Eddie Gard. In LIU's three most recent wins at the Garden over the Oklahoma Aggies, Denver and Southern Cal, the Long Islanders looked like a devastating unit, one that would still be unbeaten today had Bigos been available against Kansas State a few weeks ago.

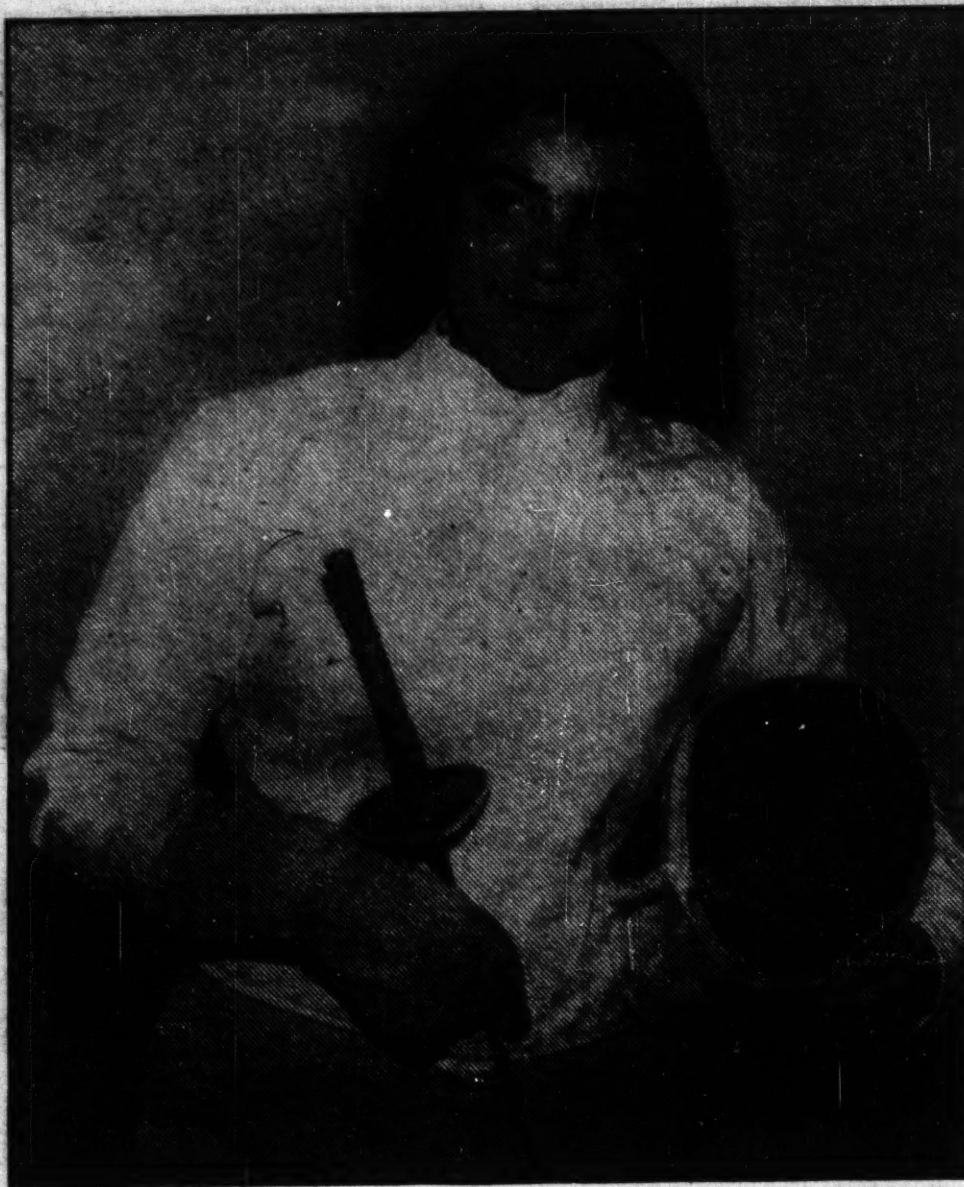
LIU's two big men, White and Scherer, have been working like charms together and one of the most beautiful things to see on the Garden floor is White passing off to Scherer under the basket and big Herb plunking it on from his "sleeper" position. Defensively, these two will have to be at their best to control the rebounds play from Frisco's Don Lotgran and Joe McNamee. Bigos, with springs in his legs and as much driving hustle as you'll find anywhere, will also be a factor under the boards, where tonight's game may be decided. Of course it remains to be seen whether Frisco will be able to cope with Smith's phenomenal one-handed pushup shots from the center as he drives in, stops on a dime, arches his body backwards and lets loose. If LeRoy gets hot and lanky White gets off his usual quota of point production, tonight's game could conceivably be broken wide open in the second half as was Frisco's losing effort against brilliant St. John's Thursday night.

Yet this writer has a hunch the Dons, with the careful, smooth ballhandling, the patient passing around the bucket until the opening presents itself for a layup or an outside set, will untrack the great LIUers. Something about the way Frisco cut loose toward the end of the first half against St. John's, when for a few minutes they again looked like the winners of the 1949 National Invitational.

Something about the deadly efficiency of the team when Lotgran's shots are on, when Kuzara, Guidice and the little set artist from the bench, Geisen, begin pitching them in without stop. While all the tribute in the world must be paid St. John's for the defensive tactics it employed in knocking Lotgran's shots off stride last week, it still must be remembered the Dons suddenly suffered a truly rare slump in marksmanship that second half.

It must also be remembered that little Rene Herrerias, the ballhandling wonder, play director and setshot sizzler, was just getting back into action for any length of time after spending the early season recovering from a wrist injury. His shooting eye was way off. It figures to be better tonight after last week's chores. Anyway, that's the way this writer sees tonight's tilt. A return to shooting from by the Frisco hoopsters nipping LIU in a thrilling contest.

Manhattan (5-1) figures to be too much for a Santa Clara team just one game above the .500 water mark. Even without the fulltime services of big Jack Byrnes and the injury to Fred Schwarz,



IF IT'S FENCING you're interested in, Bobby Tuschner is the one to teach it to you at the new gymnasium sponsored by Camp Unity's Freedom Theatre at the Czechoslovak Workers' House. The young lady is a former amateur champ—but suppose you let her tell the story in Bill Mardo's column. —Photo by Peter.

## Rizzuto, Coleman Top Keystone Pair

Shortstop Phil Rizzuto and second baseman Gerry Coleman of the New York Yankees received the official stamp yesterday as the American League's classiest keystone combination of 1949.

The Cleveland Indians, who found small cause to celebrate the past season, came in for a consolation prize yesterday when official averages awarded them the American League's fielding leadership for 1949.

The Indians, by committing the fewest errors in the circuit, 103, compiled the league's top defensive average, .983, a mark that equalled their own major league fielding record.

Despite their brilliant over-all fielding performance, the Indians turned up only one individual defensive leader in Dale Mitchell, who paced all outfielders with a mark of .9942.

Boston supplied three fielding leaders in first baseman Billy Goodman, outfielder Al (Zeke) Zarilla and pitcher Mel Parnell while the champion New York Yankees contributed two in second baseman Gerry Coleman and shortstop Phil Rizzuto.

The other three players who led their respective positions were outfielder Walt (Hoot) Evers of Detroit, third baseman Floyd Baker of Chicago and catcher Al Evans of Washington.

Goodman, who erred only nine times while accepting 1,157 chances, registered a .992 percentage to barely win the nod at first base over Jim (Mickey) Ver-

non of Cleveland with his .991 average.

The face for defensive honors at second base was equally close where Coleman, with only 12 errors for 625 total chances, averaged .981 to beat both Bobby Doerr of the Red Sox and Joe Gordon of the Indians by a single point.

Rizzuto handled 792 chances and made 23 errors for a .971 mark, leading Philadelphia's Eddie Joost by two points.

Mitchell's two errors during 349 chances gave him his mark of .9942, just enough to rank ahead of Evers with .9939. Zarilla carried the third outfield spot by fielding .985. Sam Chapman of the Athletics and the usually dependable Dom DiMaggio of the Red Sox were tied for the most errors among the outfielders with 10 apiece.

### COURT NOTES . . .

Friday night results: UCLA, coming in against CCNY tomorrow night at the Garden, knocked off Illinois in a 65-63 thriller . . . Kentucky edged Purdue 60-54 . . . Southern Cal nipped De Paul 57-52 . . . Al Baggett's Brooklyn College hoopsters whacked Wagner 71-51 . . . Ohio State bounced hapless California 78-67 . . . Missouri beat SMU 53-42 . . .

## In This Corner...

By Bill Mardo

### Of Epee, Sabre and Foil

LIKE TO MEET the pretty young swordswoman on my left? Can do. She's Bobby Tuschner, who bids fair to become a one-gal powerhouse in progressive recreational-cultural circles. She sings, she acts, she teaches, she fences. It's the latter she wants to talk about in this space. More than just talk, that is. Miss Tuschner wants New Yorkers to come down to the Czechoslovak Workers' House at 347 East 72nd Street where she can instruct you in the science of swordsmanship, her first love. She's just wild about parry. (Oh I like that!)

Did I tell you about the Czechoslovak Workers' House? That's where Camp Unity's Freedom Theatre has set up home and it's where an exciting, inexpensive recreational program becomes available to all next week. One buck per year gets you in on classes in fencing, boxing, judo, weightlifting, and lots more.

Bobby Tuschner has had an amazing amount of experience for a 20-year-old, and just listening to her story ought to convince you that you're in for fencing instruction from one who knows. She's a solid citizen, is Bobby, with a fighting determination to knock down the phony male supremacist concept with which she's had more than a passing acquaintanceship as an active sportswoman. And that's only one of the reasons why she's hooked up with Freedom Theatre, an organization dedicated to ripping big holes into discrimination against women, Negroes, and all the other big lies which are so pressured a part of our "kultur."

BOBBY WAS INTRODUCED to fencing as a kid on the East Side where she belonged to a settlement house theatre group. One week they decided to put on Romeo and Juliet, and because there were dueling scenes required in the play an instructor in the settlement house gave the six-year-olds some fundamentals in swordsmanship. Bobby took to it from the start.

"I continued taking instructions because I liked it and seemed to have a flair for it. Pretty soon we organized the Recreational Fencers League strictly for children in settlement houses. When I was 12, I won the RFL metropolitan championship for girls. Because of fencing, I became interested in other sports. Maybe it was because fencing made me a better coordinated athlete."

Bobby's folks moved to Brooklyn and at Erasmus High School she captained the inter-school girls' volleyball and basketball squads. Yet it was at Erasmus High that she ran smack into sports' male supremacy doctrine. "They had a fencing team at Erasmus but it was for boys only."

After she graduated from Erasmus, Bobby joined the Saltus Fencing Club, sponsored by one of the Y's. She won the girls' championship in annual club competition. Bobby kicked up quite a fuss when they tried to freeze her out of some major metropolitan matches earlier this year because of her sex.

"But I forced my way into the tournament. When it looked as though I might go right to the top they changed judges in the final rounds. Put in some who didn't like the idea of a girl competing against fellows. After I lost a few final-round matches I dropped out because I was convinced I wasn't being given a fair chance. Everybody tried to tell me there wasn't any bias against me, but I knew better. My coach told me not to get so excited about it, but he had never wanted a girl on the team anyway."

"That's when I quit the Saltus club. And when I discovered that the American Fencers League of America discriminated against Negroes I quit the AFLA too." Now that the strong action of Columbia University's fencing team forced the AFLA to drop its lily-white laws last week, Bobby is hoping to resume competition.

But there's still much that needs changing in the ruling body for America's amateur fencers. "The AFLA allows women to do only foil fencing. They don't permit us to compete in sabre and epee. Sabre style fencing is a tougher, more slashing phase of the sport. They use this as an excuse to keep women fencers 'in their place.' Actually, wearing heavier jackets is one of the requirements of sabre fencing, and it would be protection enough for women who'd like to compete at it. By confining women fencers only to the foils, there isn't enough variety in the sport to keep some of them interested in continuing at it."

BOBBY PLANS to teach all styles at the Czechoslovak Workers' House, foil, sabre and epee. "I want to establish our own fencing club at the House and then enter it into regular competition. But I should make it clear that fencing is only part of the gym program we're inaugurating Tuesday night. The fencing classes will be integrated with all our other classes in boxing, weightlifting, calisthenics, judo, and so on."

On the basis of two nights a week of fencing instruction, Bobby is sure the sport will have gained some new enthusiastic adherents inside of a few weeks. "They won't become proficient at it in that short time, of course, but they will have begun to get something out of it. After a while I intend combining the group instruction with a few minutes of private instruction for all our members."

It sounds like a rare opportunity, knowing how difficult it is for anyone to get properly introduced to the sport. As Bobby pointed out. "There are few outlets for the newcomer who wants to take up fencing. Most of the clubs are very expensive, they subject you to gruelling interviews, and in many cases teams are restricted to university alumni membership, as is the Montague Club at CCNY."

"But it's going to be a different story at the Workers' House. We'll be supplying the equipment, and the \$1 fee covers our entire gym program. So," Bobby smiled as we closed our interview, "I'm hoping to see lots of your readers this Tuesday night at 8."

Well spoken, Bobby, and I'd urge them to take you up on it.